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This could be it, folks! Our favorite cutie-pie tough teen bounty hunter could be hanging up her guns after this tightly packed volume 5 of *Gunsmith Cats: Burst*! And when we say tightly packed, we mean the return of all the characters who were missing in volume 4, including Bean Bandit and Minnie-May! Story lines will converge and wrap up! Girls might actually make out! It's a crash-boom-bam race to the finish, and who knows how it will all wash out. Join us as we wrap up this fantastic last volume of *Gunsmith Cats: Burst* in frantic fashion.

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GUNSMITH CATS

MAY RALLY VINCENT & MINNIE 5

RALLY VINCENT AND MINNIE-MAY

GUNSMITH CATS

BURST

Rally and Minnie-May are two teen girls running a weapons shop in Chicago . . . but they have a side business as bounty hunters! Though their main task is to hunt down runaway criminals with bounties on their heads, they somehow always end up undertaking risky jobs and getting themselves into major messes!

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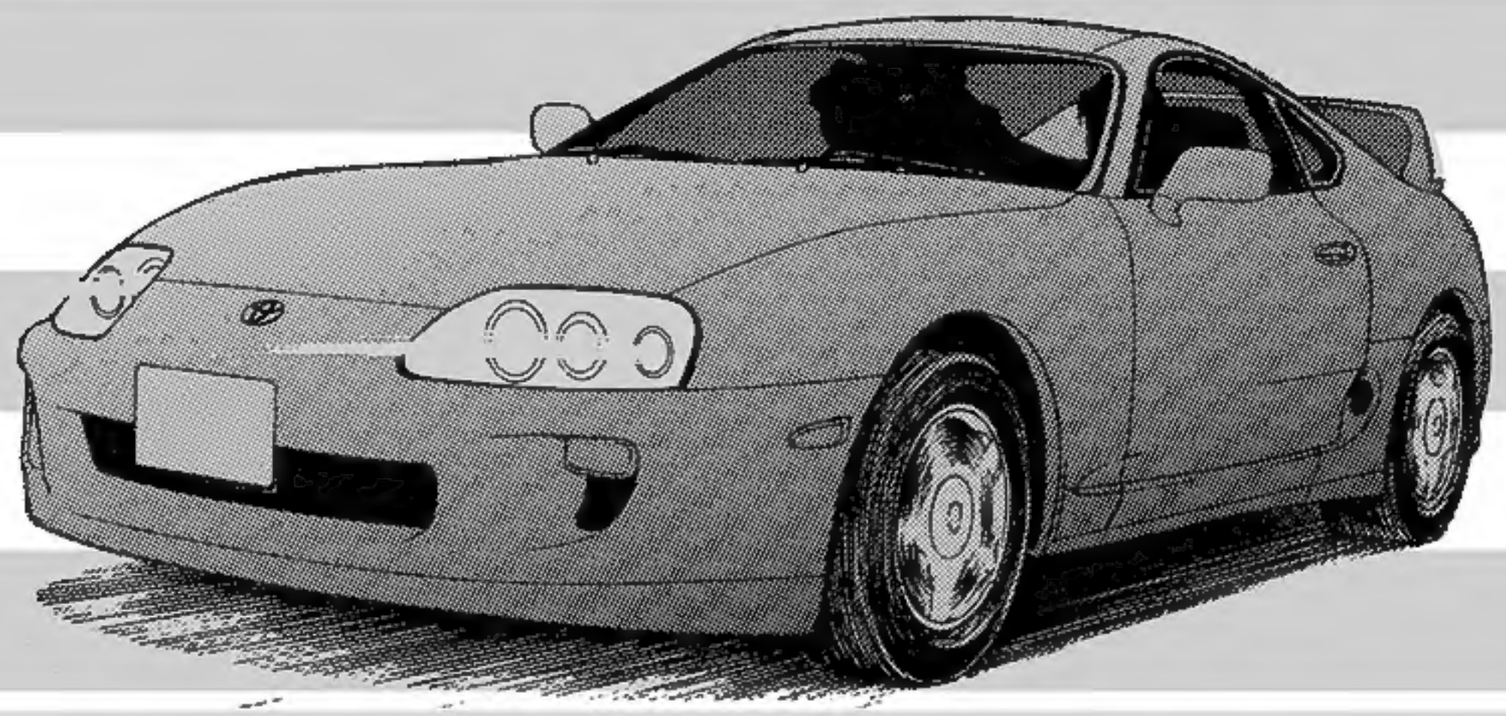

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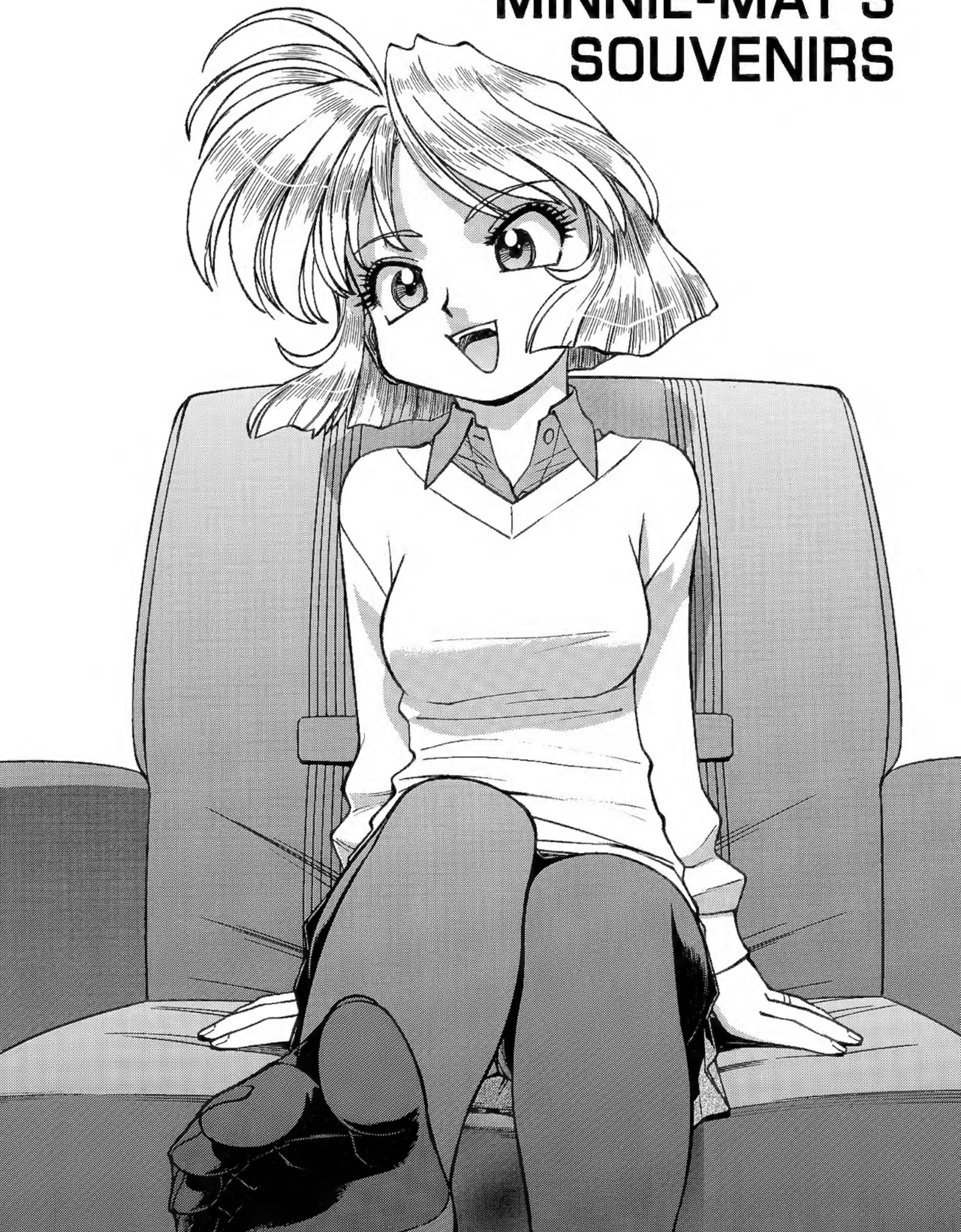

UH, HUH.

SO YOU WON'T EVEN MEET WITH ME?

...I SEE.

IF DENNIS IS THERE, CAN YOU PUT HIM--

B P

WELL, WILL YOU AT LEAST CALL AGAIN?

I UNDER-STAND. I LOOK FORWARD TO IT.

SNAP

SKREE

ZA

Gunsmith Cats

MAKE WAY FOR MAY, MARRIED WOMAN!

WE'RE JUST BACK FROM OUR HONEYMOON IN JAPAN, LAND OF THE *OTAKU!*

AND I'VE BROUGHT *GIFTS!*

...
...

WEL-COME BACK.

SHE'S... CUR-RENTLY OUT.

I'LL EXPLAIN LATER, AFTER YOU TELL ME ABOUT YOUR TRIP.

SMITH CAT

PHEW!

YOU CALL THAT A WELCOME?

I EVEN GOT SOMETHING FOR BECKY AND MISTY.

WHERE *IS* MISTY, ANY-WAY?

TIGER

DO YOU HAVE ANY RESERVA-TIONS ON SCHEDULE?

NOT FOR THE REST OF THE DAY.

カラン KARAN

CLOSED

Gunsmith Cats

OKAY!

THEN YOU'RE CLOSING EARLY TODAY.

JUST LOOK AT *THIS,* RALLY.

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PYON

THIS IS THE HEIGHT OF FASHION IN TOKYO'S AKIBA, THE MECCA OF *OTAKU.*

NO, NO. THE PANTILESS MAIDEN!

NOT LIKE THERE'S MUCH OF A DIFFERENCE!

IT'S THE COSTUME FOR THE PANTILESS MAID AT THE SCHOOL OF LOVE. ♡

I'M THE ONE WHO PAID FOR THE ANIMAL SUIT AND THE SCHOOL UNI-FORM!

THE DIFFERENCE IS *IMPOR-TANT!* I SPENT OVER A *THOU-SAND DOLLARS* ON THIS STUFF!

AND SCHOOL UNIFORM ?!

ANIMAL SUIT...?

KEN!

SWISH

COME GIVE ME A HAND.

OH, COME ON!

IT'S SOOO CUTE! HOLD ON AND I'LL CHANGE.

YOU JUST WANNA SHOW OFF THE CLOTHES YOU BOUGHT!

THE SCHOOL UNI-FORM!

ACTORS NEVER GET CHANGED IN FRONT OF THE AUDIENCE.

JUST SIT TIGHT FOR A SEC.

OKAY!

WHAT'S WITH THE SCREEN?

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SAID YOU BOUGHT THEM SO I'D WEAR THEM.

SWISH

SHE'S AT THAT AGE. HUMOR HER.

I'M NOT YOUR AUDIENCE. YOU JUST WANT TO SHOW OFF YOUR STUFF!

AHEM! EXCUSE ME.

DON'T USE THE SCREEN AS AN EXCUSE TO MAKE OUT.

IT'S YOUR FAULT FOR INTRO-DUCING ME IN THE FIRST PLACE!

YEAH, BUT WHO GOT HOOKED ONCE SHE STARTED WEARING THEM?

JUST A LITTLE--

MMM...

MMM...

IS THIS TIGHT ENOUGH?

HOW WERE THE STARES WHEN YOU WERE WALKING AROUND?

I'M SURE YOU'VE ALREADY PLAYED IN THESE OUTFITS IN JAPAN.

HEE HEE HEE. ***BUSTED.***

BUT WE WERE ONLY HOLDING HANDS.

MAY! STOP IT!

UM...WE GOT QUESTIONED BY THE POLICE SIX TIMES, AND DRAGGED TO THE STATION--

HERE IT COMES!

SO LET'S JUST GET ON WITH IT.

WHATEVER. WE'VE GOT A LOT TO TALK ABOUT...

A SAILOR SUIT?

...?!

TA DA!

THE FAMOUS SUMMER UNIFORM FOR "LUCKY STRIKE ACADEMY"!

JEEZ, RALLY! DON'T YOU KNOW *ANY-THING* ABOUT JAPAN?

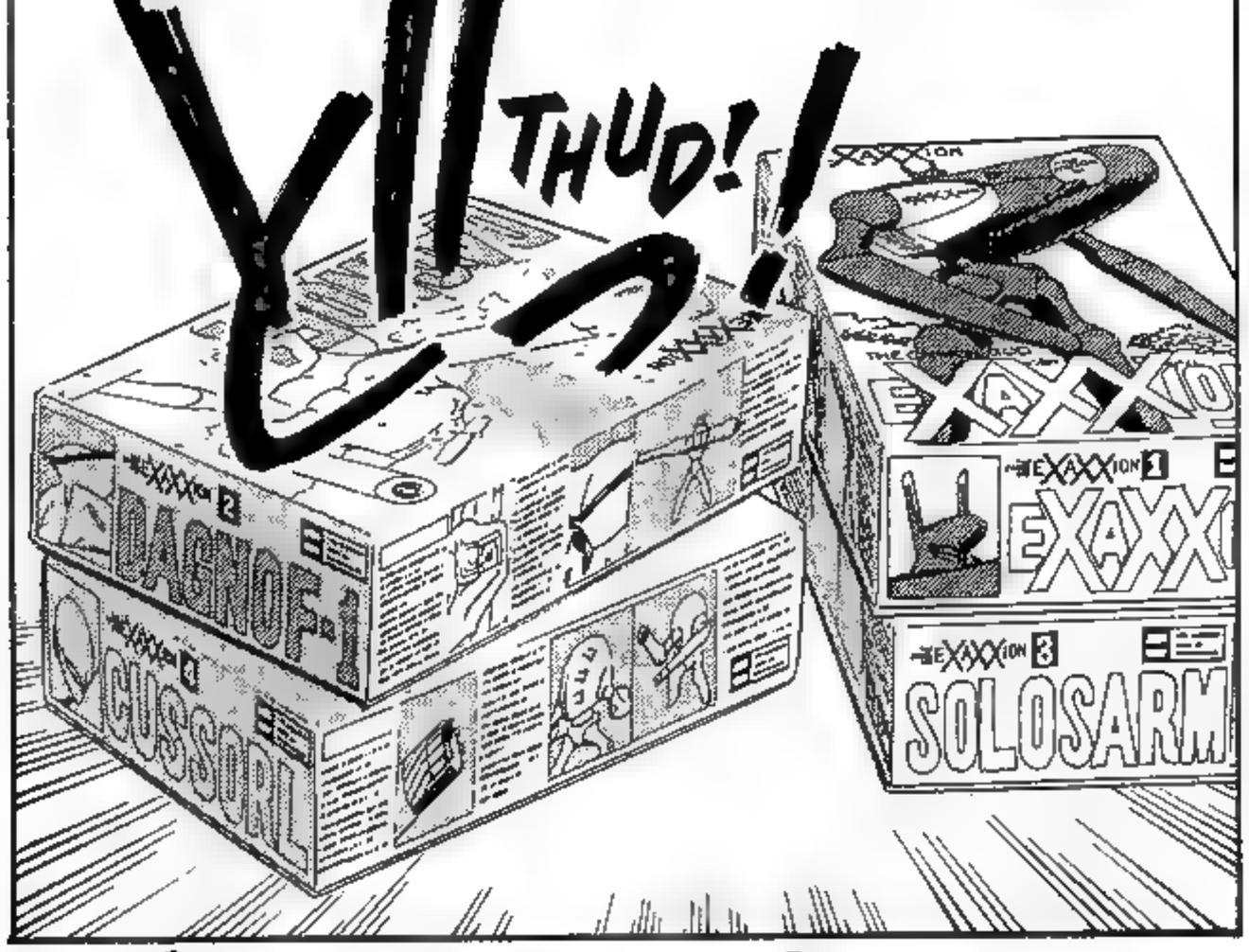
HOW DENSE CAN YOU GET?

UH... WHY?

THIS IS A TRADITIONAL JAPANESE SCHOOL UNIFORM! BOYS WEAR A STIFF COLLAR AND GIRLS WEAR SAILOR UNIFORMS!

'CAUSE.

UMMM...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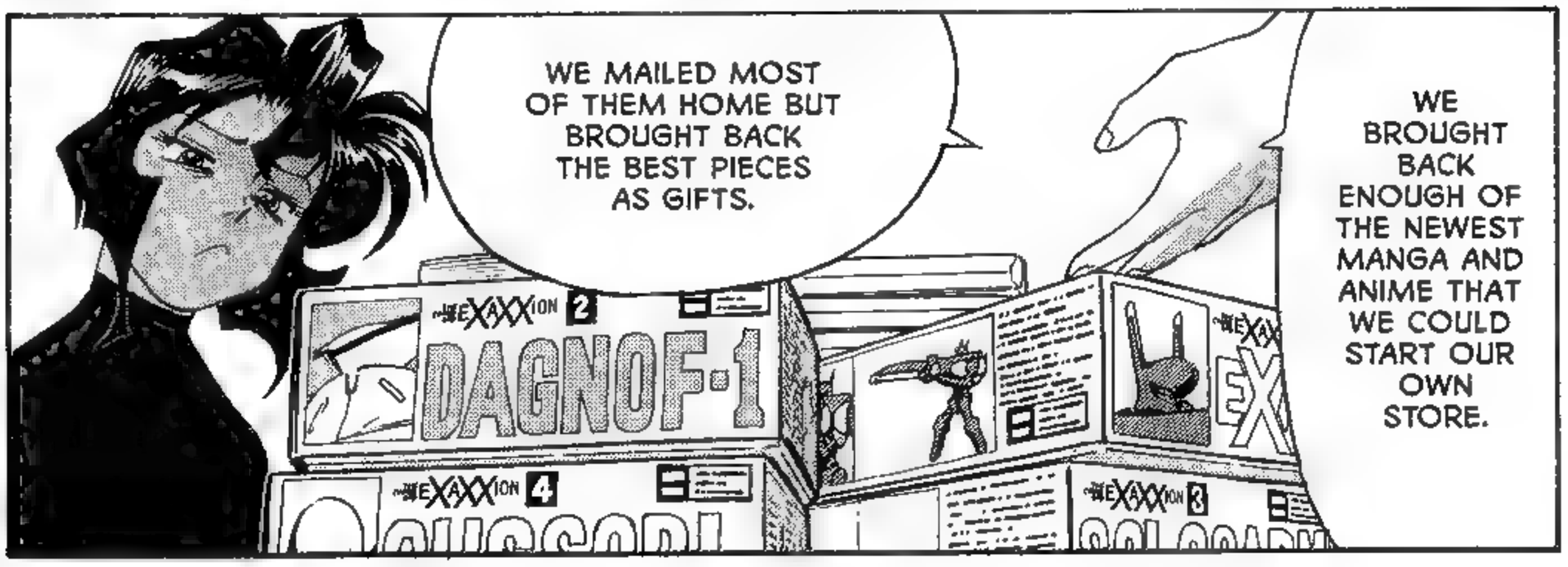
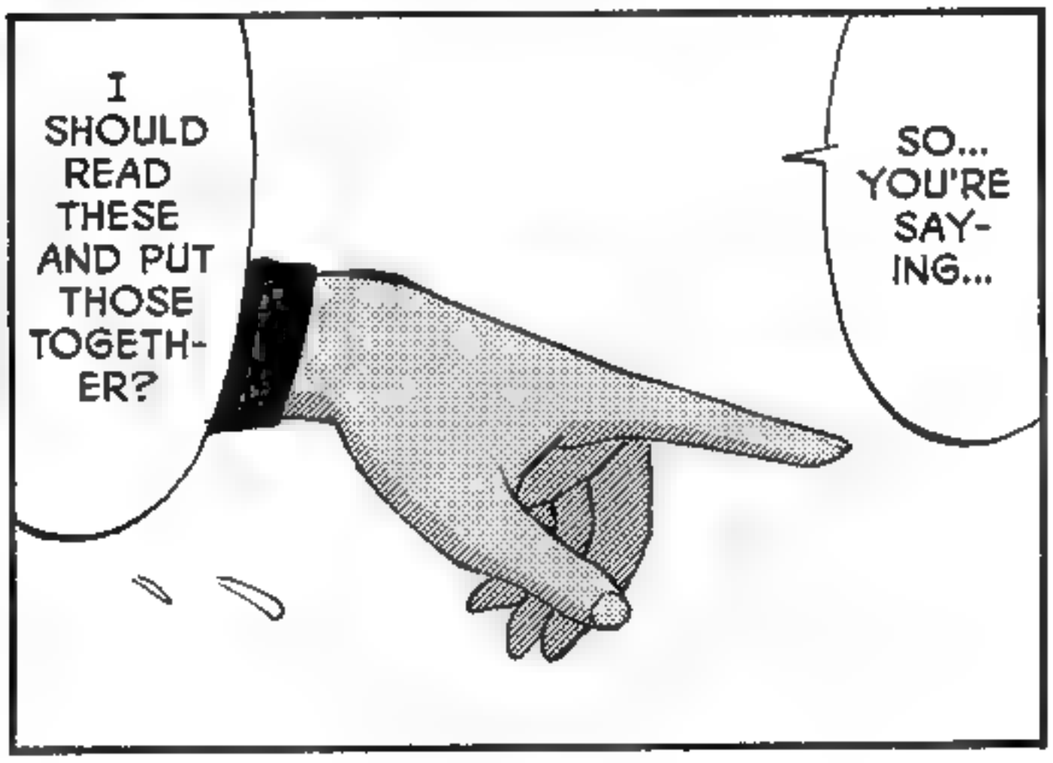
EXAXION 2
DAGNOF-1
EXAXION 4
GUSSORL
EXAXION 1
EXAXX
EXAXION 3
SOLOSARM

NOW NOW.
THERE'S MORE THAN JUST A SHOW. TIME TO ENJOY THE GIFTS WE BROUGHT BACK!
FLAP
TIGER

FWOP
FWOP


WE MAILED MOST OF THEM HOME BUT BROUGHT BACK THE BEST PIECES AS GIFTS.
WE BROUGHT BACK ENOUGH OF THE NEWEST MANGA AND ANIME THAT WE COULD START OUR OWN STORE.
EXAXION 2
DAGNOF-1
EXAXION 4
EXAXION 3

SHE TOLD ME THAT SHE LIKES THESE TYPES OF THINGS.
THAT WOULD BE GREAT, BUT THEY'RE REALLY FOR MISTY.


I SHOULD READ THESE AND PUT THOSE TOGETH-ER?
SO... YOU'RE SAY-ING...

MISTY'S AT HER PLACE AND WON'T COME BACK.

GOLDIE'S ALIVE...

SHE CAUGHT US BOTH...

...BUT ONLY I MADE IT BACK.

IRON GOLDIE ?!

HUH ...?

IT WAS MISTY HERSELF WHO SAID SHE WASN'T COMING BACK. I DIDN'T WANT TO BUG YOU DURING YOUR HONEY-MOON.

WHY DIDN'T YOU CALL ME? I WOULD HAVE COME HOME RIGHT AWAY!

WHAT ?!

HE SAID MISTY CAME TO SEE HIM.

I GOT A CALL FROM ROY THIS MORNING.

YOU KNOW THAT'S WHAT SHE WAS *TOLD* TO SAY!

GO

SHE TOLD HIM THAT SHE'D BEEN NOTHING BUT A BURDEN AND COULDN'T BRING HERSELF TO SEE ME.

ICE HEA

SHE MADE THE DECISION HERSELF NOT TO RETURN TO GUNSMITH CATS. SHE HAD MISTAKEN GOLDIE.

"PLEASE DON'T WORRY."

SHE SAID... "I'D RATHER NOT SEE YOU RIGHT NOW.

THEN SHE CALLED HERE JUST BEFORE YOU ARRIVED.

Gunsmith Cats

IT'S AS DIFFICULT TO BREAK AS IT IS TO MAKE AN IDEOLOGUE CONVERT.

GOOD BRAIN-WASHING IS JUST LIKE POWER-FUL PERSUA-SION.

IT HAS ALL THE EARMARKS OF GOLDIE'S BRAIN-WASHING.

ONCE MY EAR-DRUM...

IT'LL TAKE MORE THAN JUST GETTING HER BACK PHYSI-CALLY.

SHOO

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...AND ARM HEAL FROM THE EVENTS OF THAT DAY, I PLAN TO MEET WITH GOLDIE...

OF COURSE!

TELL ME EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED.

...AND NEGO-TIATE FOR MISTY'S RETURN.

I'LL NEED YOUR HELP THEN.

CHAPTER 39 / END

CHAPTER 40
REHABILITATION

KYU

SNAP

THROB

EEK!

KLAK

FLOCCHI

Gunsmith Cats

SHOOTING RANGE

キャーSHOOO...

...I CAN'T EVEN CHANGE A MAGAZINE YET.

FORGET ABOUT SHOOTING...

OWWW!

...BUT I'LL HAVE TO GET BY WITHOUT CHANGING MAGAZINES FOR A WHILE.

I THOUGHT I'D GOTTEN BACK ABOUT SEVENTY PERCENT OF MY GRIP...

I'LL TAKE OFF THIS MAGAZINE HOLDER AND REPLACE IT WITH A BACKUP IN A HOLSTER.

IF THAT'S THE CASE...

...UNTIL MY HAND'S BETTER...

OR MAYBE I SHOULD JUST TAKE A BREAK FROM BOUNTY HUNTING FOR NOW.

I COULD HAVE HER WATCH THE SHOP WHILE I GO OUT ON MY OWN...

I CAN'T EXPECT HER TO RUN AROUND WITH ME WHEN SHE'S STILL ENJOYING HER NEW MARRIAGE.

TAK

...AND MINNIE-MAY...

...MISTY ISN'T HERE...

I'M PRETTY BUSY WITH THE SHOP...

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WOOSH!

BANG BANG BANG BANG BANG BANG BANG BANG BANG BANG BANG BANG

MAN TARGET

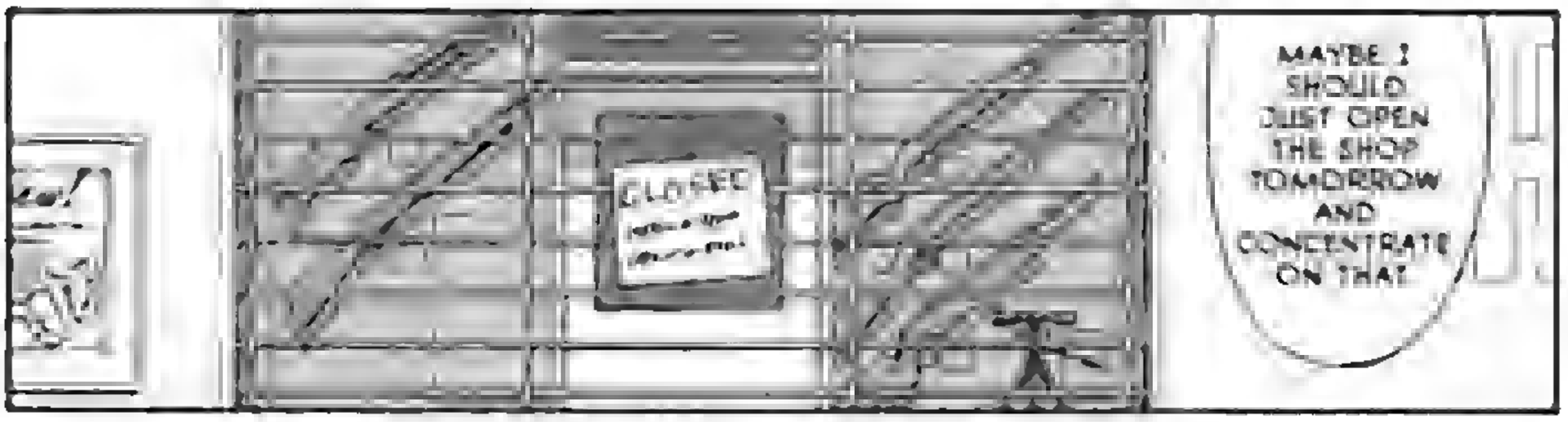
T-T...AAANG

...DOES MY RIGHT HAND HURT WHEN I SHOOT WITH MY LEFT?

TINGLE TINGLE TINGLE!

WHY...

NNG!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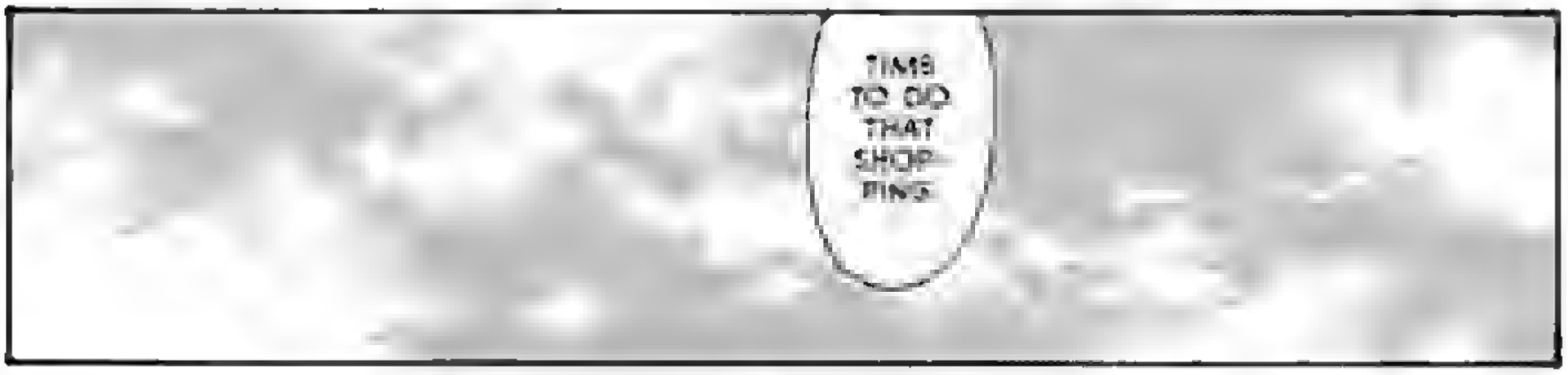
MAYBE I SHOULD JUST OPEN THE SHOP TOMORROW AND CONCENTRATE ON THAT


TIME TO DO THAT SHOP-PING

MUM

OOOH!

OOO...

PERK

MAY...

HMMG?

TEE HEE HEE! YOUR MORNING WOOD WAS CALLING OUT TO ME.

I'M PRETTY SURE YOU WERE THE ONE WHO COMPLAINED ABOUT TRYING TO DO THINGS WITHOUT WAKING THE OTHER UP.

M--

MMM.

SHARE A MORNING KISS?

NOW THAT I'M UP, YOU WANNA--

BREEP♪

THAT'S HOW YOU TASTE!

...

HM?

NALK

...I'M OUT ON THE TOWN DOING SOME SHOPPING.

IS KEN THERE, TOO? I HATE TO BOTHER YOU NEWLYWED LOVEBIRDS, BUT...

HEY...

MAY?

SHAAA

...I'D RATHER SPEND THE DAY ON A HOT DATE WITH KEN.

IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANY NEW INFORMA-TION ABOUT MISTY...

SHAAA

...BUT DO YOU WANNA GET SOME-THING TO EAT?

I DON'T REALLY HAVE ANYTHING TO TALK ABOUT...

BUT DON'T WORRY.

THANKS.

...RIGHT AS AL-WAYS.

I CAN HEAR PRETTY WELL OUT OF MY LEFT EAR NOW.

FLUP

WHY DON'T I MAKE YOU AN APPOINT-MENT WITH GRAMMA HAO'S ACUPUNC-TURIST?

I BET YOU HURT YOUR-SELF AGAIN TRYING TO SHOOT TOO EARLY, RIGHT?

OTHER-WISE JUST E-MAIL ME.

GIVE ME A CALL WHEN YOU HEAR SOME-THING NEW ABOUT MISTY.

HUMOLOR

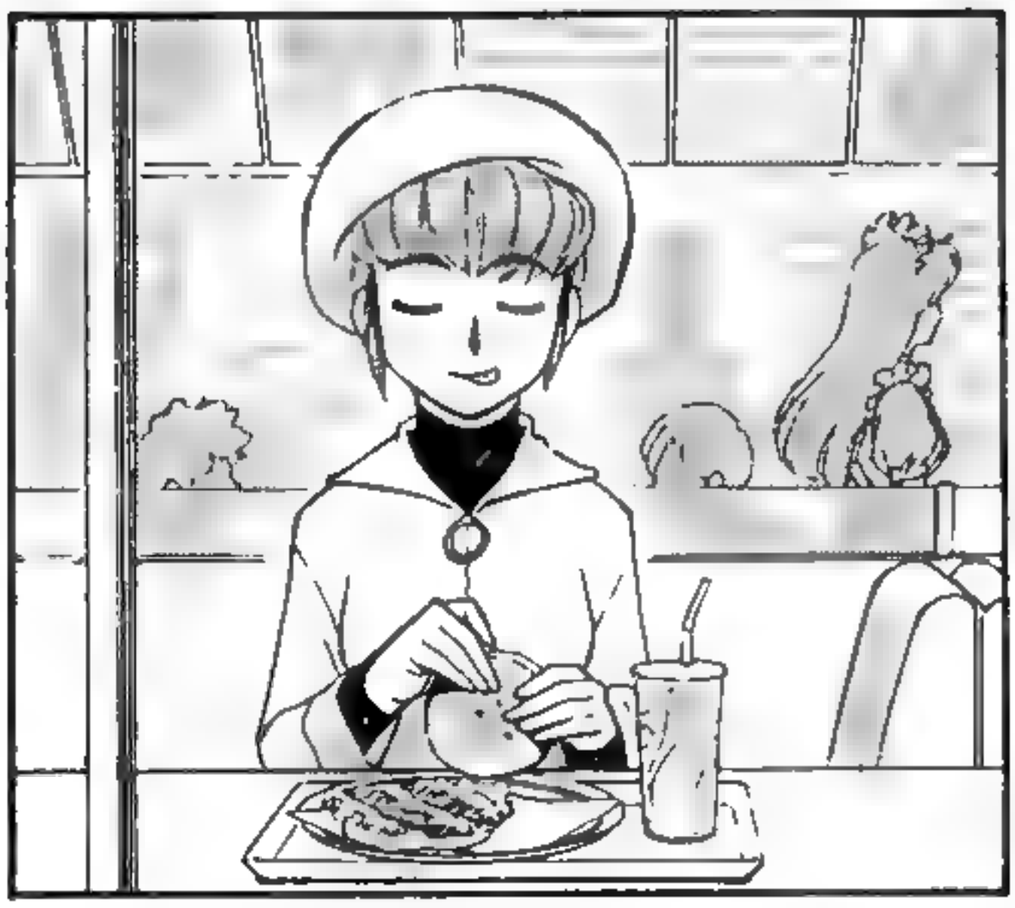
FINE F D

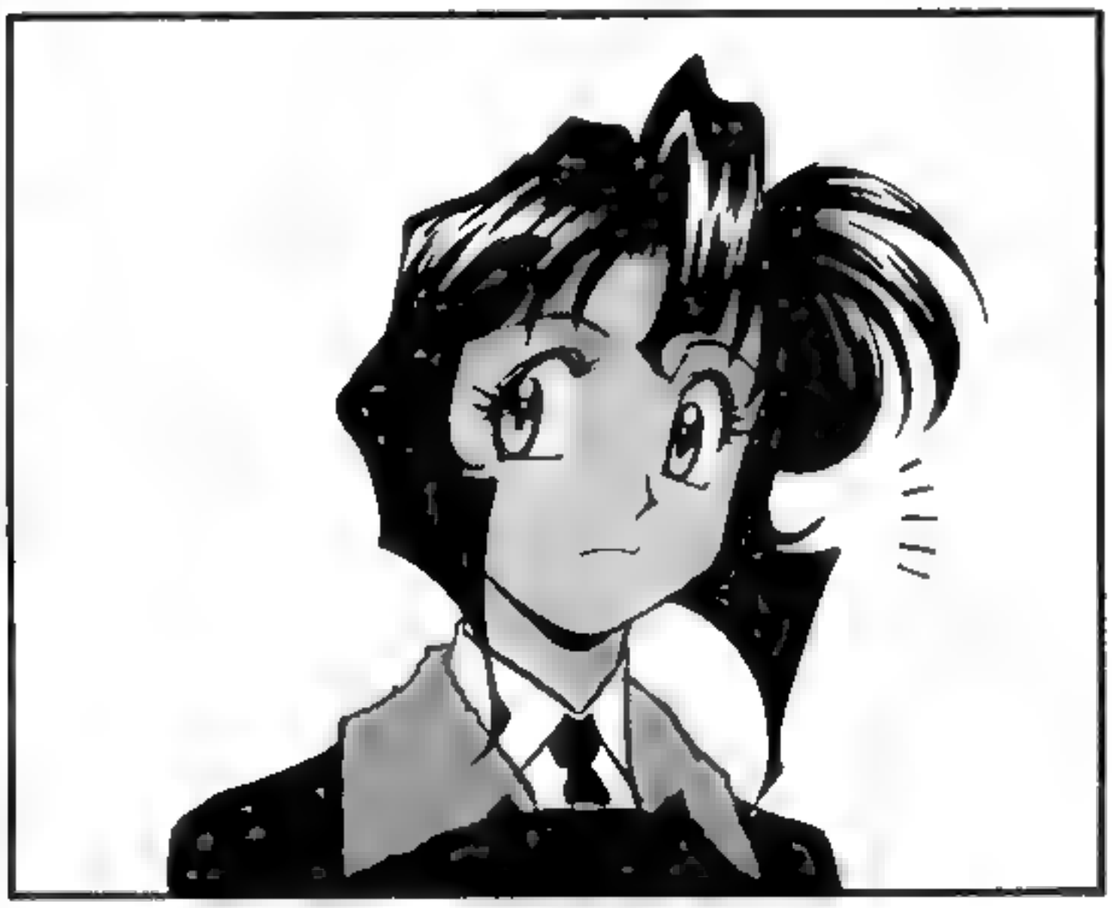
SIGH

BIP

I'M GETTING INTO THE BATH NOW. BYE!

BIP





HUMMER

FINE FOOD

M... MISTY !?

WAS THAT RALLY?

HHH SHAAT T...

IT'S TIME TO *PLAY*, AND I INTEND TO *ENJOY IT!*

NO WAY!

I'M COOL. WHY DON'T YOU BE A FRIEND AND LISTEN TO WHAT SHE HAS TO SAY?

Please Don't Disturb.

SHAA---HH P Poo.

NO WOR-RIES!

IT WASN'T ANY-THING IMPOR-TANT.

HEY!

SPLSH SPLSH

WE'VE BEEN HERE TOGETHER, BUT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER RUN INTO YOU HERE.

I DID TELL YOU ABOUT THIS PLACE.

THAT'S RIGHT.

MISS GOLDIE SAID I SHOULDN'T MEET WITH YOU IF I DIDN'T HAVE TO.

...WHY DIDN'T YOU DROP BY?

IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE ALLOWED OUT ON YOUR OWN...

I CAN'T BELIEVE I WAS SO SCARED OF HER BEFORE.

YEP!

"MISS"... GOLDIE?

IS SHE TAKING GOOD CARE OF YOU?

THAT'S BECAUSE RESPECTABLE PEOPLE LIKE MISS GOLDIE WEREN'T EXERTING CONTROL.

YOU KNOW HOW THE CHICAGO GANGS WERE SO WILD WHEN MISS GOLDIE HAD AMNESIA?

SHE'S A LITTLE SCARY, BUT COMPARED TO THE OTHERS, THE UNDERWORLD IS BEING REORGANIZED WITH AS LITTLE LOSS OF LIFE AS POSSIBLE.

NOW MISS GOLDIE HAS HER POWER BACK AND IS TAKING BACK CONTROL.

I EVEN MADE A FRIEND.

I CAME TO THESE CONCLU-SIONS MYSELF.

RALLY... IT'S NOT LIKE I'VE BEEN ***BRAIN-WASHED.***

IT'S MY TRUE WISH TO STAY WITH MISS GOLDIE AS LONG AS SHE DESIRES.

DO YOU MEAN WHAT YOU'RE SAY-ING?

CHAPTER 40 / END

CHAPTER 41
BECKY FARRAH

IT'S TRUE MY GUYS HAVE NEW SUPPLIERS, BUT THERE'S NO WAY A LOWLY DEALER LIKE ME WOULD KNOW WHERE THE BROKERS ARE GETTIN' THEIR STUFF.

THE GOLDIE FAMILY OF THE ITALIAN MAFIA?

YOU SHOULD KNOW MORE ABOUT THIS THAN ME. TELL *ME* SOME-THING.

FAR-RAH.

LOOKS LIKE HE GOT CAUGHT UP IN A BATTLE OVER DRUGS.

MYERS DIED LAST WEEK.

BESIDES, ROAD-BUSTER GOT OUT OF THE DRUG TRADE YEARS AGO.

YOU MAY KNOW ROADBUSTER, BUT THERE'S NO ***WAY*** WE'D TELL YOU WHO OUR SUPPLIERS ARE.

FAR-RAH.

YOU ASKED TO MEET MY BROKER.

...FOR TWICE THE PRICE.

AND I'M HAPPY TO DO SO...

BESIDES, THERE'S NO ONE IN THE INDUSTRY WHO DOESN'T KNOW HIS OFFICE.

HE'S THE TYPE WHO FEELS IMPORTANT BY USING HIGH-PRICED CALL GIRLS.

OF COURSE, BECKY.

YOUR LIST OF "DANGEROUS CUSTOMERS" HAS BEEN A GREAT HELP TO MY GIRLS.

I'M SURE HE KEEPS HIS CASH AND DRUG TRANSPORTERS SOMEWHERE ELSE, THOUGH.

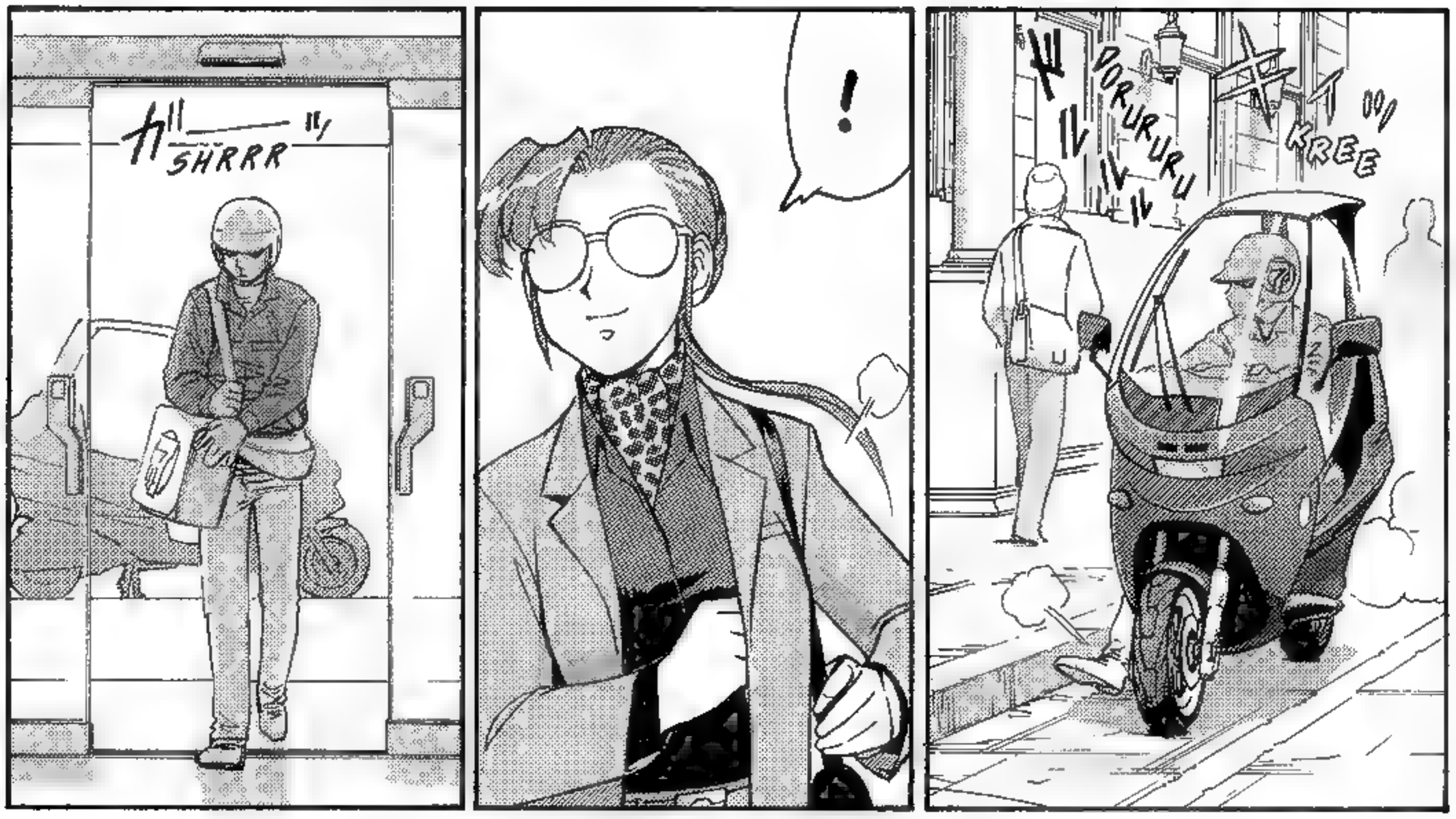
THIS IS HIS OFFICE AND PHONE NUMBER.

...ABOUT ONCE EVERY TWELVE MINUTES.

...THERE SHOULD BE SOME TYPE OF DELIV-ERY...

...AT THIS TIME OF DAY AND THIS TYPE OF BUILDING...

ACCORD-ING TO MY DATA...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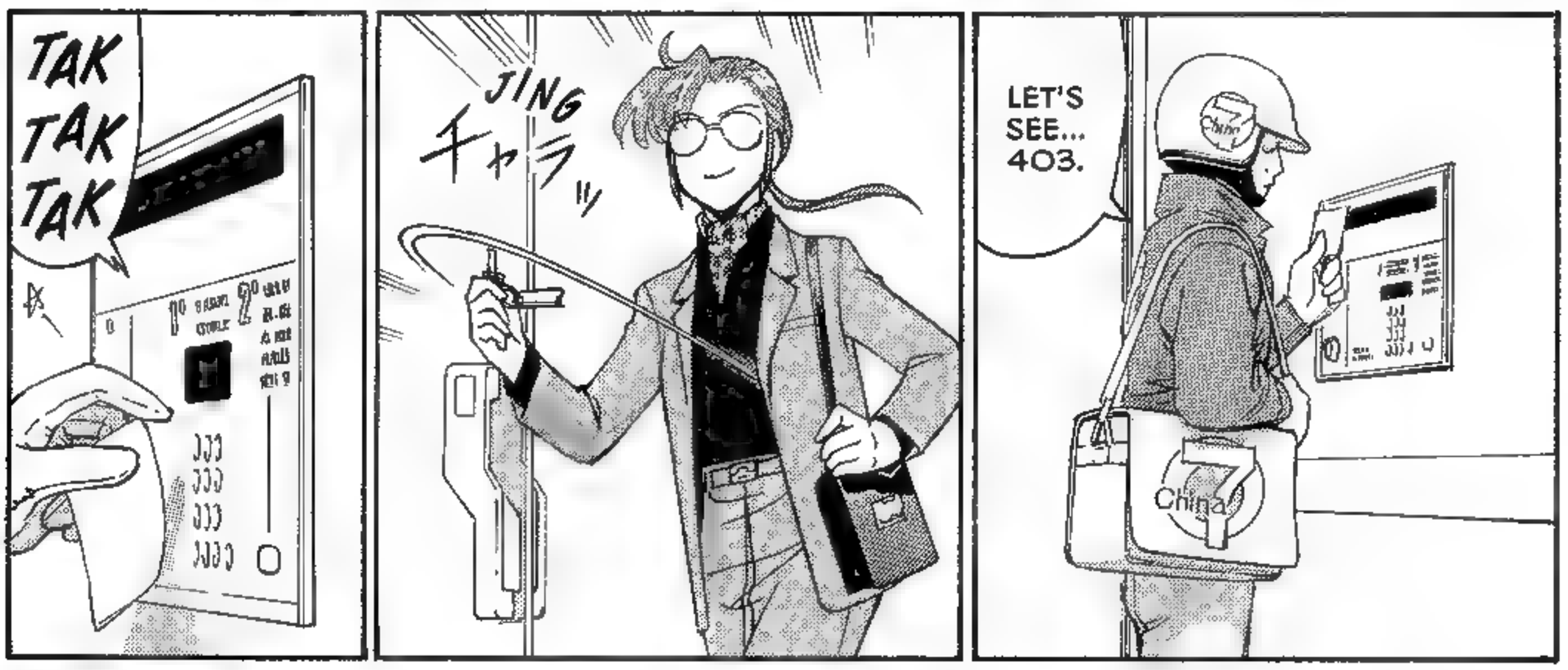
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TAK
TAK
JING
LET'S SEE... 403.
China

CHIK
BZZT!
YES?
403.
EXCUSE ME, BUT I'M IN A HURRY.
China

SHHK

CHK

OH YEAH. COME ON UP.

THIS IS CHINA 7. I HAVE YOUR ORDER.

IF YOU TIME THE KEY TO A RESIDENT OPENING THE DOOR...

PAR-DON ME.

UH... OK.

SOME-TIMES I'M SO SMART I EVEN AMAZE MYSELF.

...NO-BODY'LL NOTICE IF IT DOESN'T MATCH OR TURN.

IF THERE'S NO LOOK-OUT IN THE HALL-WAY...

...THE BROKER MUST NOT SEE THIS AS A VERY IMPOR-TANT BASE.

HMM.

DING♪

I'LL JUST STICK ON THIS SHEET BUG...

ALL THE BETTER FOR ME. I MAY GET PICKED UP BY THE SECURITY CAMERA, BUT IF I DON'T MAKE A SCENE, THEY WON'T NOTICE ME.

THAT SMELLS LIKE BLOOD!

KREEE...

C

IT'S OPEN.

...AND LEAVE A TRANS-MITTER ON THE FLOOR.

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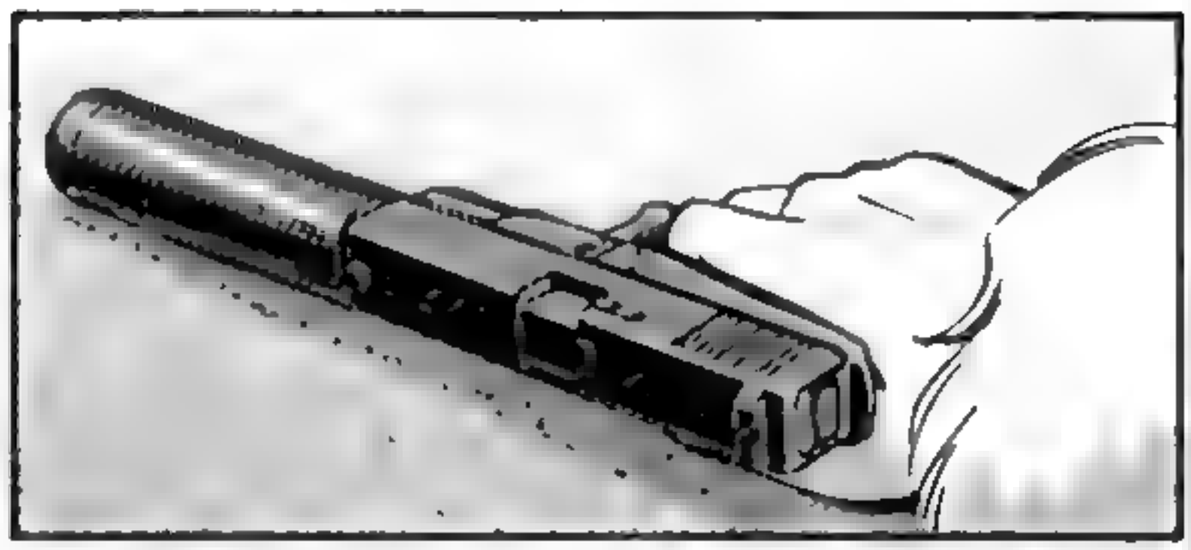


I WONDER IF SOMEONE HEARD THE SHOTS AND CALLED THE POLICE.
DAMN!

THIS ONE HAD A GUN WITH A SILENC-ER...

IT LOOKS LIKE THEY SHOT EACH OTHER.

NO TIME FOR THAT NOW.

...GOLD-IE'S MIND CON-TROL HAD SOME-THING...

I'LL BET...

...SO HE PROBABLY PLANNED THE KILLING AND THEN GOT SHOT HIMSELF.

...I'LL END UP BEING A SUS-PECT.

IF I DON'T CALL THE POLICE...

POLICE

BECKY FARRAH!

HE

KCHAK

YOU CAN GO NOW.

WE'RE DONE QUES-TIONING YOU.

CONSIDER-ING THE SITUATION, YOU SHOULD BE HAPPY IT WASN'T WORSE.

WHAT "QUESTION-ING"? THAT FELT LIKE A FULL-BLOWN INVESTI-GATION!

YOU CAN THANK COLE-MAN.

YOU'VE BEEN RUNNING AROUND ASKING A LOT ABOUT DRUGS. DOES THIS HAVE ANY-THING TO DO WITH MISTY?

BECKY.

HA HA!

WHY DON'T YOU TELL ME WHAT YOU'VE LEARN-ED?

I'VE WANTED TO GET MY HANDS ON A SAMPLE.

YES.

YOU'VE BEEN FOLLOWING GOLDIE'S NEW DRUG?

IF YOU DO COME ACROSS SOME AND GET CAUGHT, I WON'T BE ABLE TO HELP YOU.

I HAVE A FRIEND WHO'S REALLY GOOD AT ANALYZING DRUGS, AND EVEN THEY CAN'T GET AHOLD OF ANY.

NOT THE MARKET VERSION THAT'S TAKING OVER THE STREETS. THE SPECIAL ONE THAT CAN BE USED FOR BRAIN-WASHING.

WHAT?

OK. JUST PROMISE ME ONE THING.

I'M WELL AWARE OF THE RISKS.

YOU MUST ALREADY HAVE A LIST OF DEALERS AND BROKERS.

YOU'RE THE BEST THERE IS WHEN IT COMES TO GATHER-ING INFO.

NO WAY.

BEE BEEP

IT MIGHT EVEN HELP ME STRIKE A BLOW TO GOLDIE'S ORGANIZATION.

LET ME HAVE A COPY.

THE POLICE HAVE A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT SET OF PRIORITIES.

IT DOES ME NO GOOD IF GOLDIE IS ARRESTED BUT THERE'S NO CHANGE IN MISTY.

MY MAIN CONCERN IS DEPROGRAMMING MISTY'S BRAINWASHING.

GCHAK

KYURO

DORURURU

NO WORRIES.

SORRY, ROY.

AS LONG AS WE HELP MISTY...

...RALLY, MAY, AND I COULD REALLY CARE LESS IF YOU CATCH GOLDIE OR NOT.

THERE SEEMS TO BE A LOT OF INFIGHTING THESE DAYS.

YOU GOT DRAGGED IN AS A WITNESS TO THAT NASTY INFIGHTING IN THE MALDONA FAMILY.

I HEARD, MISS FARRAH.

THEY'RE AN ACTUAL FAMILY BUSINESS.

BUT THE BAILEY'S WHO WE'RE GONNA SEE TONIGHT, ARE PRETTY STABLE.

THEY ONLY AGREED TO THIS BECAUSE YOU KNOW ROADBUSTER.

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT INFERIOR GOODS, BUT IT'S SAID THAT THERE'S NO HIGH-CLASS DRUG THEY CAN'T MOVE.

YEAH, BUT DO THEY REALLY HAVE DEALINGS IN CHICAGO?

AND THEY REFUSE TO TAKE ON NEW CUSTOMERS IF THEY DON'T KNOW THEM.

HI!

I'M AL BAILEY.

SO YOU KNOW ROAD-BUSTER?

AND THIS IS BOB.

BACON. YOU FINALLY MADE IT.

YOU MUST BE MISS FARRAH.

SHE'S ALSO A FREE-LANCE JOURNAL-IST.

IT'S TRUE. SHE'S FRIENDS WITH THE MAN WHO BOASTS A HUNDRED PERCENT DELIVERY RATE.

CONFIS-CATIONS ARE UP IN THE INDUSTRY. HE'S THE TYPE OF PRO WE NEED.

WE'D BE GRATEFUL IF YOU'D INTRODUCE US.

OF COURSE HE DOESN'T TRANSPORT DRUGS NOW BECAUSE OF A PROMISE TO RALLY.

IT'S THE LEAST I COULD DO.

"DARK BALL"?

THAT'S NOT WHAT I WAS TOLD.

UM...

BUT WE DON'T CARRY IT AND DON'T PLAN TO.

IT'S A NEW ONE PUT OUT BY THE ITALIAN MAFIA.

BUT THE WAY THEY'RE FORCING THEIR WAY ONTO THE MARKET IS MAKING WAVES WITH THE LARGE ORGANIZATIONS. WE'D RATHER NOT GET MIXED UP IN IT.

IT MAY BE POPU-LAR...

ACTUALLY, WE'RE GONNA START TAKING THEIR PRODUCT SOON.

WHAT?

YOU DON'T UNDER-STAND HOW BAD THE BIG ORGANI-ZATIONS ARE JERKIN' US AROUND!

WE CAN'T AFFORD TO DO THINGS YOUR WAY ANY MORE!

HEY! I'M THE ONE IN CHARGE OF BUYING!

GOLDIE'S TOLD ME THE WHOLE TRUTH!

WHAT MAKES YOU SO SURE?!

INCLUD-ING HOW YOU'RE PLANNING TO TAKE ME OUT!

BANG

CHAPTER 42

DRUG TRAFFICKING

...AND MAKE HIM KILL HIS BROTHER ?!

DID GOLDIE BRAIN-WASH HIM...

AWHAM

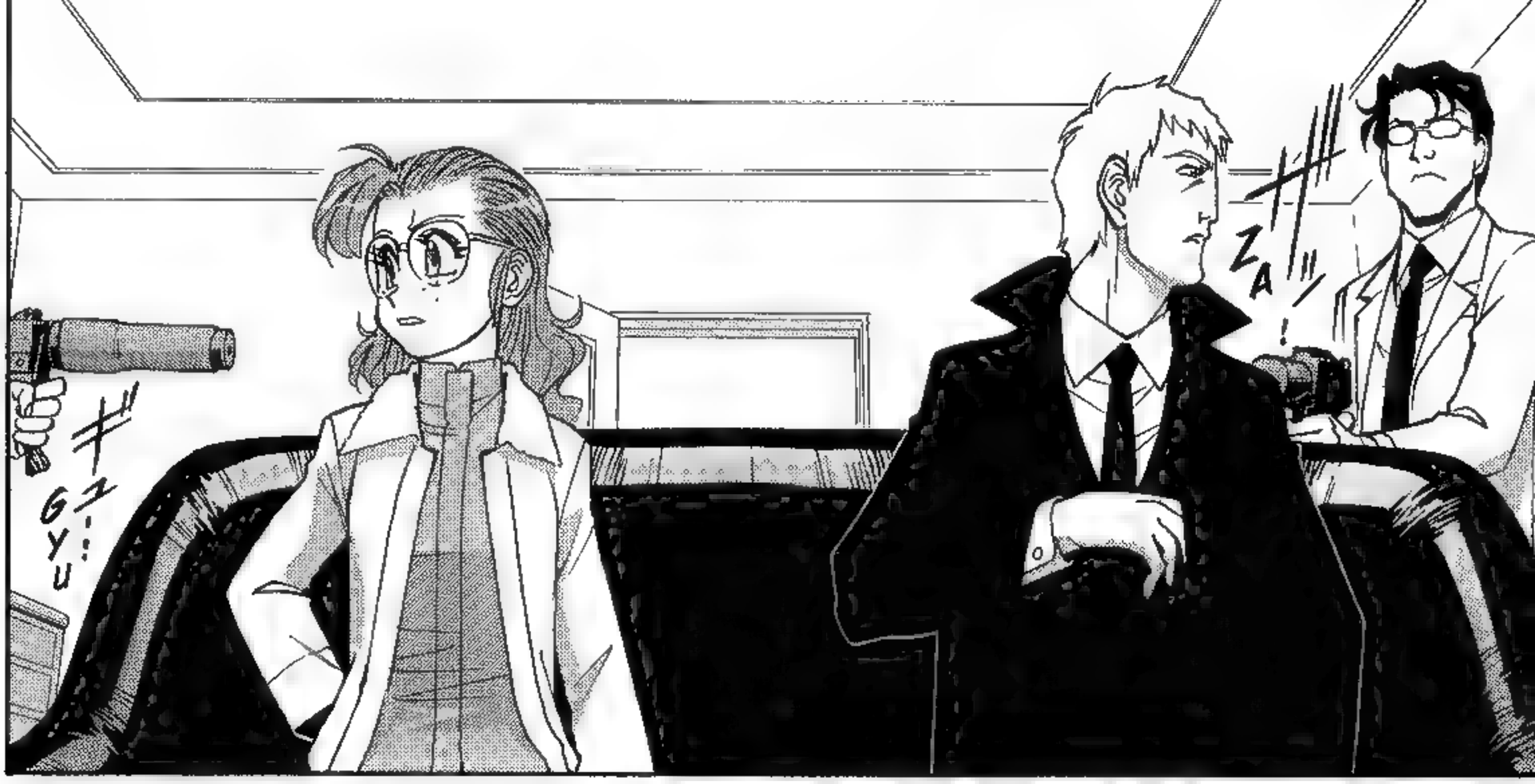
SLUMP

PLP

CHAK

DON'T MOVE!

KSHAK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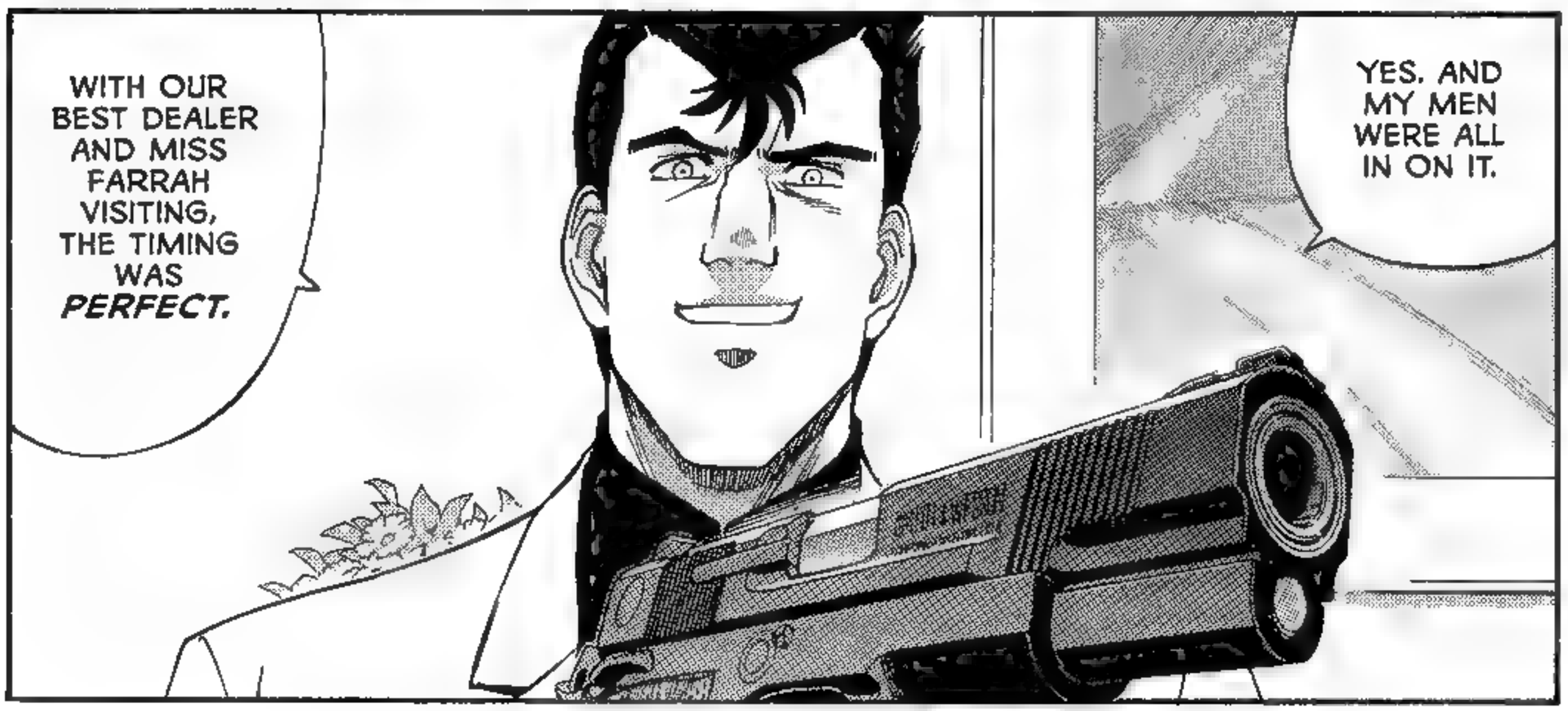
KI!!
GYU!!

YOU HAD THIS ALL PLANNED?

BACON. MISS FARRAH. SORRY TO STARTLE YOU.
YEAH. IT'S COOL.

YOU OKAY?
AL.


WITH OUR BEST DEALER AND MISS FARRAH VISITING, THE TIMING WAS *PERFECT.*
YES. AND MY MEN WERE ALL IN ON IT.

THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY, MISS FARRAH.

WAIT! SHOULDN'T WE GET OUT OF HERE? SOMEONE MUST'VE HEARD THE GUNSHOT.

7 11 11 GRIP

AND AS I SAID EARLIER, WE'LL BE BUYING DARK BALL FROM GOLDIE.

AS YOU CAN SEE, I'M NOW IN COMPLETE CONTROL OF BAILEY ENTERPRISES.

DON'T CALL HIM A CLEANER! HE'S JUST GONNA TAKE CARE OF THE POLICE. WE'LL HAVE A PROPER FUNERAL FOR MY BROTHER.

BOSS! THE CLEANER CAN BE HERE IN THIRTY MINUTES.

...AND THE MANAGER IS ONE OF OURS.

THE ROOMS HAVE GREAT SOUND-PROOF-ING...

JUST RELAX.

WE'RE ON THE TOP FLOOR IN A CORNER ROOM. THERE'S NO ONE DOWN-STAIRS, AND MY MEN ARE IN THE NEXT ROOM.

...BUT GOLDIE WILL HAVE THE OTHER ORGANI-ZATIONS UNDER HER CONTROL SOON.

THEN THEY'LL BE BACK.

THE SUPPLY MIGHT DRY UP FOR A SHORT TIME...

AL, CAN I ASSUME YOU'LL STILL BE PASSING ALONG THE SAME DRUGS AS BEFORE?

I'M SORRY.

Y-YES... OF COURSE.

WE HAVE TO HELP EACH OTHER.

IF WE CAN GET ROADBUSTER TO HELP US, WE COULD BECOME THE LARGEST BROKER IN THE AREA.

...
...

AND BECKY FARRAH?

WOULDN'T YOU AGREE, JOHN BACON?

I HAVE MY OWN CONDI-TIONS.

I'VE HEARD THAT GOLDIE HAS A SPECIAL VERSION OF DARK BALL THAT SHE HANDLES HERSELF.

I WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT IT.

NOW YOU'RE UPPING THE TERMS?

I'M PRETTY SURE YOU PROMISED TO INTRODUCE ME TO ROAD-BUSTER IN EXCHANGE FOR MEETING WITH YOU.

YOU'LL HAVE TO SWEETEN THE DEAL.

MY DEAL WAS TO MEET WITH THE BAILEY *BROTHERS.* AS YOU CAN SEE, THAT'S CHANGED.

I JUST WANNA KNOW ITS EFFECT.

I'M NOT SAYING YOU HAVE TO GET ME THE ACTUAL PRODUCT.

IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'RE GONNA WRITE A STORY ABOUT A PRODUCT THAT ISN'T ON THE MARKET AND HASN'T HURT ANYONE.

WHY WOULD YOU WANNA KNOW THAT?

AS LONG AS YOU COOPERATE WITH MY ORGANIZATION.

HMPH... WHAT-EVER.

I'LL SET IT UP FOR THIS WEEK. MAKE SURE YOU COME THROUGH.

OKAY!

KLAP

AFTER YOU'VE INTRODUCED ME TO ROADBUSTER, I GUESS I COULD PASS ON SOME GOSSIP.

THAT'S ABOUT ALL THE TIME I HAVE. I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOUR CALL.

IF HE DIDN'T KNOW, HE NEVER WOULD'VE MET WITH YOU.

I KNOW WHERE YOU LIVE.

UHHH--

I'LL PICK THE PLACE.

ALL I WANT IS A TIME.

DON'T EVEN THINK OF DOUBLE-CROSSING ME.

YOU REALLY HAVE THIS ROADBUSTER THING UNDER CONTROL?

NO SWEAT. I'VE ALREADY TALKED TO HIM.

HIS ACTIONS WERE CRAZY, BUT HE SEEMED LUCID.

HE KILLED HIS BROTHER WITH A WELL-LAID-OUT PLAN.

IT'S NOT LIKE HE SPONTANEOUSLY KILLED A PARTNER BECAUSE HE FELT LIKE HE WAS BEING PERSECUTED.

THAT TOOK ME TOTALLY BY SURPRISE, TOO!

YEAH, RIGHT!

BUT THE DRUGS MAY HAVE HELPED THAT PERSUASION.

NORMALLY I'D THINK THAT GOLDIE PERSUADED HIM TO JOIN HER SIDE RATHER THAN BRAIN-WASHING HIM WITH DRUGS.

...THAT SHE'D STAY WITH GOLDIE AS LONG AS SHE'D LET HER.

SHE SAID THAT SHE'D COME TO THE CONCLUSION ON HER OWN...

...THAT SHE'D MISTAKEN GOLDIE SO BADLY IN THE PAST.

MISTY HATED GOLDIE, AND YET SHE'S COMPLETELY GIVEN HERSELF OVER.

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT.

THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT SHE'S BEEN BRAINWASHED WITH DRUGS.

...I WONDER IF WE'LL EVER BE ABLE TO BRING HER BACK. HER SELF-ESTEEM MIGHT BE TOO STRONG.

IF MISTY GOT THE SAME TREATMENT AS AL BAILEY...

I'M NOT SURE GOLDIE'S DRUG DOES SOMETHING TO OVERPOWER THAT LARGE

A NORMAL PERSON WILL SHUT YOU OUT IF YOU TRY TO DENY SOMETHING THEY BELIEVE

JUST DROP ME OFF WHERE WE MET.

SHE BRAINWASHED BEFORE BUT IT WAS MORE OBVIOUS MAYBE SHE'S JUST GOTTEN BETTER AT IT.

I HOPE BEAN CAN NEGOTIATE IT OUT OF HIM WHEN THEY MEET

IF I CAN GET A SAMPLE OF THAT SPECIAL DRUG FROM AL BAILEY, WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO ANALYZE IT.

THEN WE JUST HAVE TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO BREAK THE POWER OF GOLDIE'S PERSUASION.

HI, RALLY!

SKREE

BU

RO

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RO

RO

Gunsmith Cats

HI!

BECKY.

...ABOUT THAT DRUG...

LAST NIGHT I LEARNED...

GCHAK

GLAD I CAUGHT YA HERE.

SHE CAME BACK FOR HER CAR.

MISTY! YOU'RE BACK?!

SORRY, BUT I HAVE TO GET BACK TO THE MANSION.

LET'S GO OUT AND HAVE SOME FUN.

MISTY! WAIT!

...I COULDN'T JUST LET IT SIT HERE.

YOU WERE SO KIND TO SELL ME YOUR 2002...

I'LL TRY TO GET HER PERMIS-SION TO COME AGAIN.

MISS GOLDIE TOLD ME TO COME BACK AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TODAY.

I'M SORRY, BECKY.

YOU CAN STAY AT MY PLACE TO-NIGHT...

AND I'LL BE YOURS. I JUST HAVE SOMEONE VERY IMPORTANT IN MY LIFE NOW.

I'LL ALWAYS BE YOUR FRIEND.

MIST-Y...

SHE DID GIVE ME A SHOT, BUT IT DIDN'T MAKE ME SLEEPY OR LOSE CONSCIOUSNESS.

IT WAS SOME KIND OF TRANQUILIZER. IT HELPED ME RELAX AND SORT THINGS OUT.

IT'S NOT LIKE I'VE BEEN BRAIN-WASHED OR ANY-THING.

UM...I WANT YOU BOTH TO UNDER-STAND.

...THAT GOLDIE WAS THE MOST REASONABLE PERSON IN THE CHICAGO MAFIA.

I THEN CAME TO THE CONCLU-SION ON MY OWN...

THAT'S WHY I WANT TO HELP HER AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

UMMM

MMMM

IT'S GOOD FOR BOTH THE MAFIA AND THE CITY FOR HER TO CONTROL EVERYTHING.

RALLY! WHY DIDN'T YOU STOP HER?

I SAID THE SAME THINGS YOU DID BEFORE YOU GOT HERE.

VROOM

...

A PERSON I RESPECT DEEPLY SEES ME AS NECESSARY.

PLEASE?

PLEASE, JUST LET US BE TOGETHER.

THEN WE DO OUR *OWN* BRAIN-WASHING!

BEAN'S HELPING, SO HOPEFULLY WE'LL HAVE IT SOME TIME THIS WEEK.

WERE YOU ABLE TO GET YOUR HANDS ON THE DRUG?

YEAH... BRAIN-WASHING...

2 QUICK
TWO WRONGS CAN MAKE A RIGHT RALLY!
POW POW POW POW POW POW POW POW
...ROAD-BUSTER!
IS THAT YOU...
YOU MUST BE AL RAILEY!
THAT'S RIGHT

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CHAPTER 43

ANYTHING BUT DRUGS

YOU'RE A DRUG BROKER.

MISS FARHAM'S TOLD ME ABOUT YOU.

I'M AL BAILEY FROM BAILEY ENTER-PRISES

IT'S AN HONOR TO MEET THE GREAT ROAD-BUSTER!

THE COPS HAVE BEEN CRACKING DOWN AND MY DELIVERY RATE HAS FALLEN TO ABOUT EIGHTY PERCENT. MY MEN ARE GOOD. BUT YOU STILL HAVE A HUNDRED PERCENT SUCCESS RATE.

A TRUE PRO HAS A COM-PLETELY DIFFERENT AURA FROM OTHERS.

BEAN BANDIT. ALSO KNOWN AS ROAD-BUSTER.

YOU'RE A SIX FOOT SIX MONSTER WHO COMPLETES A DELIVERY NO MATTER WHAT OCCURS.

A '69 'VETTE WITH A POWER BULGE ON THE HOOD.

EVEN YOUR EVERYDAY CAR IS COOL.

IT MUST BE A 454 UNIT.

IT'S GOT A BIG BLOCK AND A LARGE AIR CLEANER.

DAMN! I'VE ALWAYS WANTED THAT UNIT WITH AN IRON BUMPER!

ACTUALLY, IT'S A MODIFIED LS7.

I MEASURED IT AT 480 HP AND 618 KG PER METER.

THE LS7 IS A LOT HARDER TO HANDLE THAN THE SMOOTH LS5, AGAIN, IT JUST SHOWS HOW GOOD YOU ARE!

YOU'RE HERE BECAUSE YOU WANT ME TO MOVE DRUGS FOR YOU.

THIS IS DRAGGING ON TOO LONG. LET'S SKIP THE PLEASANTRIES

BUT I HEAR YOU HAVE SOME OF THAT SPECIAL DRUG THAT GOLDIE MAKES.

I'M NOT REALLY HUSTLING FOR MONEY.

I'M SURE YOU'VE HEARD THAT I GAVE UP TRANSPORTING DRUGS SEVERAL YEARS AGO.

UNLESS THERE'S A REALLY GOOD REASON.

AND THAT IT CAN BE USED TO HELP PERSUADE PEOPLE.

I KNOW IT'S NOT FOR SALE.

...I'LL ACCEPT WORK FROM YOU.

IF YOU GET ME SOME...

WHAT'S IT GONNA TAKE TO CONVINCE YOU?

I'M THE ONE YOU HAVE TO NEGOTIATE WITH.

SHE'S ONLY A GO BETWEEN.

MISS FARRAH SAID I'D ONLY HAVE TO GIVE HER INFO

MMM.

RAINES!

I'M NOT COMPLETELY CONVINCED THAT YOU'RE ROAD-BUSTER.

I HAVE CONDITIONS AS WELL.

YES SIR.

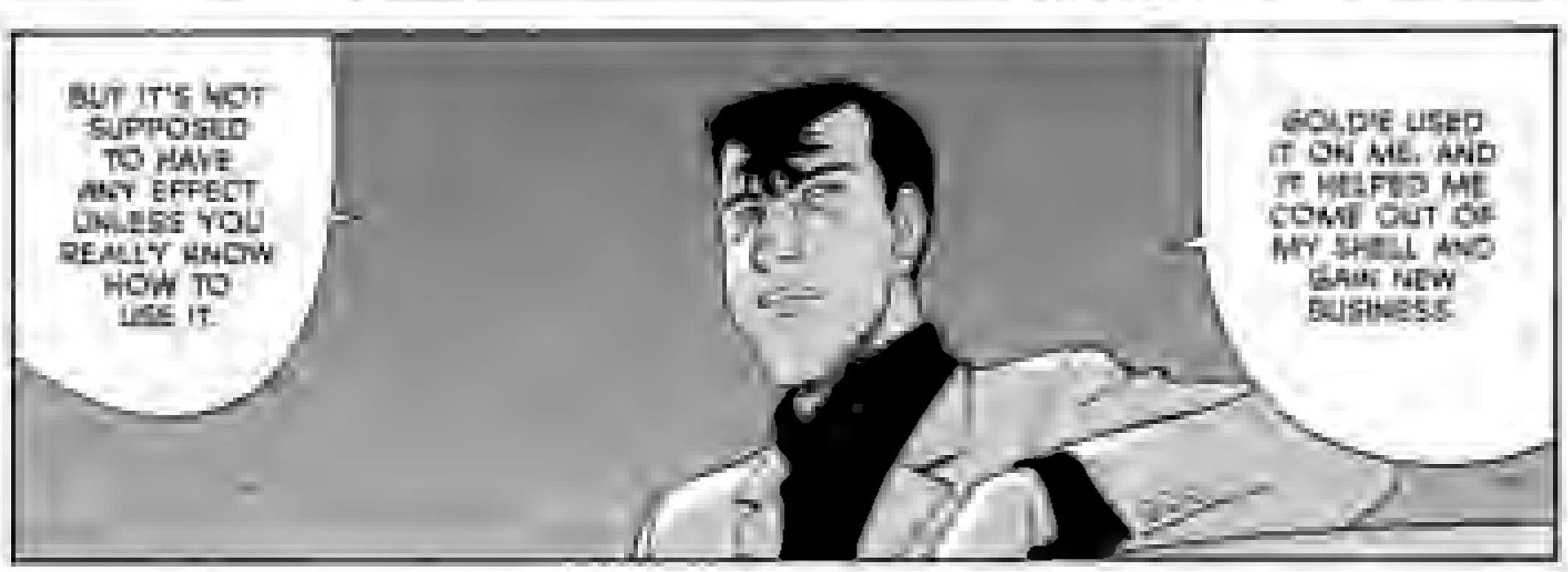
HI.

RAINES HERE IS MY BEST DRIVER. TAKE HER FOR A DRIVE AND PROVE YOU HAVE THE SKILLS.

FOOO
OUT IN!

FUGO

IF I CAN GET ROADBLISTER TO WORK FOR ME, IT'S WORTH A HIT.
BOSS. ARE YOU REALLY GONNA GIVE HIM THE DRUG?


BUT IT'S NOT SUPPOSED TO HAVE ANY EFFECT UNLESS YOU REALLY KNOW HOW TO USE IT.
GOLDIE USED IT ON ME. AND IT HELPED ME COME OUT OF MY SHELL AND GAIN NEW BUSINESS

ROOAR

OOOAR

VROOM

SHA

...IT'LL TAKE A LITTLE MORE THAN *THAT* TO STARTLE ME.

THREADING A NEEDLE AT 150 MPH—

VRAA

ETTI II

—COULD PULL OFF A SPIN LIKE THAT

KYUIII!

EVEN AN AMATEUR—

ZA II

SKREEE

KYU II

GOKYU

GCHAK

KLIK

—AND THE TRANS-MISSION'S BEEN GEARED SO I CAN GO BACKWARDS AT FULL SPEED.

THE REAR VENT IS OPEN...

LET ME SHOW YOU THE IMPROVE-MENTS I'VE MADE TO THIS 'VETTE.

WHAT?!

ROOOAR!!

WHAT?!

ENJOY YOUR RIDE IN REVERSE!

THIS CURVED MIRROR GIVES ME THE FIELD O' VISION I NEED!

KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE ROAD AHEAD... I MEAN... BEHIND!

GRAA

AH!

WHAT'S THAT? YOU WANT *MORE* O' A THRILL?

!

TRU
GWAA
SKREEE
JUST LIKE ROWIN' A BOAT FROM THE STERN!
HOW 'BOUT IT?!
BACK AGAIN!

ZOOOSH

BEEK!

BMF

LET'S TURN AROUND AND TURN ON THE SPEED!

YOU GOT THAT RIGHT!

TH-THESE TRICKS HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH YOUR SKILL AS A TRANSPORTER.

FULL SPEED!

FACING FRONT!

SWPP

WAIT!

INTO TRAFFIC !!

VROOOOM

MATERIAL COURTESY OF TANAKA TORU (PRO STAFF).

KRIT

HOOROROROROO...

UMPH...

EXCEL-LENT! YOU REALLY ARE ROAD-BUSTER!

HAAA HA HA HA HA HA!

BWAAH BWAAH GADAH BWAA... GWAAAH.

RIP RIP RIP RIP RIP

...BUT LOOK AT HER AFTER THAT RIDE—

RAINES HAS MADE ME LOVE IT A FEW TIMES—

I'LL NEED THAT ITEM YOU [illegible]

LET'S DRAW UP A CONTRACT, ROAD BUSTER.

THAT WASN'T PART OF THE DEAL.

HOW DO I USE IT?

UFO

IF YOU WANT TO KNOW, YOU'LL HAVE TO BECOME A MEMBER OF GOLDIE'S ORGANIZATION, OR—

IT'S TOO LATE TO CHANGE THE TERMS AGAIN.

...AND IF I SAY I REALLY WANNA KNOW?

I'LL CONSIDER IT IF YOU COMPLETE THE JOBS I GIVE YOU.

GAL...?

GYU

Gunsmith Cats

GOOD JOB, BEAN!

BEAN DOESN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT. IT COULD JUST BE NORMAL DARK BALL.

WE DON'T EVEN KNOW IF IT'S THE REAL THING.

I'LL HAVE GRAMMA HAO TAKE A LOOK AT IT RIGHT AWAY.

SHE KNOWS SOMEONE WITH THE NEWEST ANALYZER AND DATA.

DON'T WORRY. IF IT'S SOMETHING THAT'S ALREADY ON THE STREET, SHE'LL BE ABLE TO TELL IMMEDI-ATELY.

WE SHOULD HAVE OUR ANSWER BEFORE BEAN MEETS WITH BAILEY AGAIN.

BEAN...

DRIVE SAFELY. ♡

BTAM

I'LL BE BACK SOON.

WE HAVE A CONTRACT. IF I PULL OUT, I'LL LOSE MY REPUTATION.

OF COURSE I AM!

YOU AREN'T GOING TO WORK FOR THE BAILEY ORGANI-ZATION, ARE YOU?

...IF IT TURNS OUT THE DRUG IS THE REAL THING...

I TOOK CARE OF YOUR PRIORITY, NOW LET ME DO MY WORK.

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO TOLD ME TO DEAL WITH THEM AND GET MY HANDS ON THE DRUG!

OKAY. UNDER-STOOD...

I'M GOING TO TRANSPORT BAILEY'S DRUGS!

AND YOU'RE IN NO POSITION TO SAY ANYTHING ABOUT IT.

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CHAPTER 44
HAO SHIFU

LISTEN UP, MINNIE-MAY.

醫食同源

"SIGN MEDICINE AND FOOD ARE ONE AND THE SAME

I KNOW. AND PSYCHE-DELICS LIKE LSD.

THOSE THAT STIMULATE THE SENSES..

HEALTH CARE & NATURAL FOOD

紫猫薬房

PURPLE CAT

DOWNERS LIKE HEROIN THAT MAKE YOU FEEL AS THOUGH YOU'RE IN A DREAM.

MOST DRUGS FIT INTO ONE OF THREE CATEGORIES

ARE YOU SAYING IT'S NOT A DRUG?

IT'S CLOSEST TO A DOWNER.

BUT THE ONE YOU BROUGHT LAST WEEK IS DIFFERENT.

I KNEW IT BECAUSE WE USED TO HAVE SOMETHING LIKE IT A LONG TIME AGO.

PUT ANOTHER WAY, IT'S A DRUG FOR BRAIN-WASHING... OR RATHER, PERSUADING.

SHIIIPOOO

...PROVIDING A LIGHT SENSE OF HAPPINESS.

IT SLIGHTLY DULLS YOUR ABILITY TO REASON AND STRENGTHENS IMPRESSIONS OF A CONVERSATION...

I KNEW IT!

LET'S GIVE IT UP FOR MASTER HAO!

I KNEW THE BEST AUTHORITY ON CHINESE HERBAL MEDICINE IN CHINATOWN WOULD HAVE THE ANSWER!

FOOO

IT WAS MY YOUNG ASSISTANTS WHO DID THE CHEMICAL ANALYSIS AND CLINICAL TRIAL.

THAT'S THE POWER OF AN ORGANI-ZATION.

HE WAS GOING TO BE PUNISHED ONE WAY OR ANOTHER.

BUT HE EMBEZZLED MONEY AND PLANNED TO RUN AWAY WITH IT.

HE'S ONE OF MY MEN.

CLINICAL TRIAL? WAS IT DONE ON THAT MAN?

THE DAUGHTER IN THE PICTURE WAS FORCED TO CHANGE SCHOOLS.

HE HAD TO SELL HIS HOUSE TO FILL IN THE HOLE.

I SEE. MY EMBEZZLE-MENT CAUSED A LOT OF TROUBLE FOR LEE.

I BET YOU THINK BRAINWASHING IS AS SIMPLE AS USING DRUGS OR HYPNOTISM TO MAKE SOMEONE DO AS YOU SAY.

I DID.

WHO SAID THAT?

"BRAIN-WASHING IS NOTHING MORE THAN SUCCESS-FUL PERSUA-SION."

IT'S COMPLETELY DIFFERENT!

THIS ISN'T ANYTHING LIKE THE TIME YOU USED MY HERBS TO PULL YOUR PARTNER OUT OF THE DARKNESS.

IT'S JUST A MORE ADVANCED VERSION OF KERASINE AND DARK BALL THAT GOLDIE USED BEFORE.

BUT THAT'S WHAT THIS DRUG IS FOR.

USUALLY THEY LOOK LIKE THEY'VE BEEN PERSUADED, BUT THEY'VE ONLY GIVEN UP ON THE ARGUMENT OR LOST THE STRENGTH TO FIGHT BACK. THEY HAVEN'T CHANGED THE WAY THEY THINK.

IT TAKES SOMETHING EXTRAORDINARY TO PERSUADE A PERSON TO TURN TO AN OPINION OR IDEOLOGY THAT THEY ARE STRONGLY AGAINST.

YES!

UNLIKE RELEASING SOMEONE UNDER THE EFFECTS OF HYPNOTISM, IT CAN BE VERY DIFFICULT TO PERSUADE AN ADULT WHILE THEY RETAIN THEIR SELF-AWARENESS.

RETAIN THEIR SELF-AWARE-NESS?

...ANYTHING THE OTHER PERSON SAYS ONLY BECOMES "FUEL FOR REBELLION" AND NOTHING IN THEIR OWN MIND CHANGES.

AS LONG AS ANY OF THOSE THOUGHTS REMAIN...

THEY DON'T WANT TO LOSE! THEY NEED TO SAVE FACE...OR THEY JUST DON'T WANT TO LOSE THEIR POSITION AMONG THEIR FRIENDS.

ONCE IT'S BROKEN IT BECOMES INEFFECTIVE. THERE'S NO CONTINU-ATION, AND IT CAN'T BE CALLED BRAIN-WASHING.

SIP

PUT ANOTHER WAY, IF YOU USE A DRUG TO SUPPRESS THE SELF, IT'S NOTHING MORE THAN HYPNOTISM.

...OR WHEN AN AMERICAN CAPITALIST OR LAWYER BECOMES A COMMU-NIST...

THERE'S ACTUALLY PEOPLE LIKE THAT?

LIKE WHEN SOMEONE WHO STEALS GRADUALLY BECOMES A WORKER...

THAT'S WHY YOU CAN'T SUPPRESS THE SELF TOO MUCH WHEN YOU DO IT.

...WHEN THEY CHANGE THEIR WAY OF THINKING WITH A FULL SENSE OF SELF-AWARE-NESS, IT IS NEVER SHAKEN.

IF YOU CAN GIVE THE ILLUSION THAT BEING PERSUADED IS ASSOCIATED WITH JOY, YOU CAN MAKE THEM LISTEN INTENTLY UNTIL THE VERY END.

AND YOU LISTEN TO WHAT THEY HAVE TO SAY, GIVING THEM A SLIGHT SENSE OF EXCITE-MENT.

IF YOU TIME THE PERSUASION SO THIS STATEMENT COMES AT THE HEIGHT OF THEIR EXCITEMENT, THEN ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS GENTLY AGREE WITH IT.

IT'S ALSO VERY IMPORTANT TO MAKE THEM SAY THAT THEY'VE CHANGED THEIR MIND.

YES!

I'M SURE MY FAMILY WILL UNDERSTAND.

I'LL MAKE LEE THE BENEFICIARY OF MY LIFE INSURANCE AND THEN KILL MYSELF IN A WAY THAT WON'T CAUSE TROUBLE FOR ANYONE.

I'LL DO IT...

BDMP ドキ BDMP ドキ…

THAT'S THE WAY TO BE A MAN!

CLAP! CLAP!

EXCEL-LENT!

CONGRATULATIONS.

...BUT ONCE EVERYONE HEARS WHAT YOU SAID, NO ONE WILL FEEL THE NEED TO MAKE YOUR FAMILY PAY FOR YOUR DEEDS.

I KNEW YOU HAD A GREAT SENSE OF RESPONSI-BILITY...

YES.

PLIP PLIP

YOU PRO-TECTED YOUR FAMILY.

USING GROUP PSYCHOLOGY, THEY ESTABLISH A NEW PERSONALITY BY PRAISING THE "NEW YOU" AT THE POINT YOU REACH A TRANCE STATE.

THE BEST EXAMPLE I CAN COME UP WITH IS THE MIND-CONTROL SEMINARS OF CULTS.

YOU'RE FACING THIS LIKE A MAN.

PLEASE... LOOK AFTER MY FAMILY, MAO.

THEN THE CULT PREPARES A NEW PERSONALITY FOR THEM AND THEY FALL RIGHT INTO IT.

PEOPLE DRAWN TO CULTS BASICALLY HATE THEMSELVES, AND THESE FEELINGS OF SELF-LOATHING ARE PUSHED TO THEIR LIMITS BY HAVING THEM VERBALLY ABUSE EACH OTHER.

IT'S LIKE WHEN YOU WATCH A SEQUEL TO A MOVIE YOU REALLY LIKED BUT THEN START TO SEE ALL THE INCONSISTENCIES. YOU START TO FEEL SEPARATED FROM THE ACTION.

STILL, IF THEY HAD ANY SENSE OF SELF-AWARENESS, ONCE THINGS COOLED DOWN, THEY'D NOTICE THAT THE ARGUMENTS DIDN'T MAKE ANY SENSE. THE NEW SELF BEGINS TO SHAKE.

THEN IT CAN'T BE...!

WHAT? HOLD ON!

THIS TYPE OF BRAINWASHING USES A PERSUASIVE ARGUMENT, AND THUS YOU DON'T COME OUT OF THE STATE WHEN THINGS CALM DOWN.

SO THE DRUG IS NOTHING MORE THAN AN AID AND THE CONTENT OF THE PERSUASION IS MOST IMPORTANT.

YES. IF THIS MISTY GIRL HAS BEEN BRAINWASHED THIS WAY, ONLY PERSUASION WILL GET HER BACK.

YEP!

BUT...

NO, NOT FOOL-ISH.

...AND SHE'S PROBABLY PERKY AND STRAIGHT-FORWARD.

I DOUBT SHE'S A FOOLISH PERSON...

I'VE SEEN THEM IN MOVIES.

WAH! YOU DON'T HAVE TO KEEP GOING ON ABOUT IT.

IT'S A PYTHON WITH A SILENCER. RALLY HASN'T MADE ONE OF THESE.

TA DA!

I BET THIS WILL TEMPT RALLY.

COLT

HEY! LOOK!

GUNSHIT

SHE DIDN'T HAVE TO KICK ME IN THE BEHIND!

PLEASE!

CAN I HAVE MY CUT NOW?

I DON'T HAVE ANY MORE MONEY.

...NOW IT'S THE WHOLE UNDERSIDE.

FIRST I HAD TO CHANGE THE RADIA-TOR...

AND SHE IS A LESBIAN, JUST LIKE GOLDIE.

WELL, MAYBE A LITTLE FOOLISH.

THAT COULD KILL IT.

WHAT?! OH NO!

DON'T SAY THAT!

...THERE'S ALMOST NO CHANCE THAT SHE CAN BE BROUGHT BACK.

BUT IF SHE'S HALFWAY SMART AND A LESBIAN TO BOOT...

IF SHE'S NATURALLY FOOLISH THEN ALMOST ANYTHING COULD HAVE BROUGHT HER BACK.

...THERE ARE THREE TYPES.

THREE AGAIN?

LISTEN UP.

AMONG THE MAFIA...

MAYBE YOU'RE JUST BETTER OFF LETTING GOLDIE KEEP HER AS A PET.

GRAM-MA HAO!

SECOND IS THE "POWER" TYPE THAT EXPANDS THEIR TERRITORY THROUGH FORCE AND GETS RID OF THE COMPETITION THROUGH VIOLENT MEANS.

FIRST IS THE "MIGRANT" TYPE THAT STORMS IN TO AN AREA, CAUSES A LOT OF TROUBLE, AND THEN FLEES SOMEWHERE ELSE WHEN THINGS GET TOO HOT.

THE THIRD TYPE IS "LOCAL" MAFIA.

THEY'VE CAUSED A LOT OF TROUBLE FOR US AND OUR CUSTOMERS.

THIS TYPE CAUSES UPRISINGS WHENEVER THEIR POWER IS THREATENED, WHICH IS ALL THE TIME IN THE BUSINESS.

GRAM-MA!

YOU'RE NOT TRYING TO SAY THAT GOLDIE IS A GOOD "LOCAL" TYPE AND THUS WE SHOULD JUST LET MISTY STAY!

THIS TYPE SEES THE BUSINESS AS A LONG-TERM COMMITMENT.

THEY ALWAYS CONSULT WITH OTHER ESTABLISHED FAMILIES WHEN EXPANDING THEIR BUSINESS AND TRY TO AVOID UNNECESSARY TURF WARS.

AND THINGS WERE VERY STABLE WHEN HER ORGANI-ZATION WAS AT ITS PEAK.

ONLY THE "MIGRANT" AND "POWER" ORGANI-ZATIONS HAVE BEEN SOWING CHAOS.

GOLDIE'S ORGANIZATION MADE SURE TO TALK WITH OTHER FAMILIES TO AVOID INVADING THEIR TURF.

IN MY OPINION, SHE'S NOTHING MORE THAN A BAD "POWER" TYPE!

DON'T TELL ME YOU'VE BECOME ONE OF HER ALLIES!

HOW CAN YOU BE SO POSITIVE TOWARDS HER?

SHE'S HONORABLE TOWARDS THOSE WHO AREN'T HER ENEMIES AND HAS A GOOD REPUTATION AS A MAFIA HEAD WHO FOLLOWS THE RULES.

BUT WE'RE ALWAYS READY TO TRUST THOSE WHO ARE HONORABLE AND DO BUSINESS WITH THEM.

MY ORGANI-ZATION MAY BE PART OF THE UNDERWORLD, BUT WE'RE NOT GANGSTERS NOR ARE WE A PART OF ANY MAFIA GROUP.

...GOLD-IE?

YOU TRUST...

WE DON'T WANT TO BE ANY-ONE'S ENEMY.

ROADBUSTER HAS A STERLING REPUTATION IN THE UNDERWORLD AS AN HONORABLE TRANSPORTER.

WE TRUST YOUR FRIENDS RALLY AND FARRAH, TOO, BECAUSE THEY'VE EARNED IT THROUGH THEIR HONEST ACTIONS.

YOU'LL HAVE TO FIGURE OUT THE REST TALKING THINGS OUT AS ADULTS.

THAT'S ABOUT ALL THIS HERBAL-MEDICINE MERCHANT CAN DO!

OH, AND HERE'S A BILL FOR THE CONSULT.

ACK!

医食同源

PERSUA-SION, HUH?

Gunsmith Cats

SEEMS LIKE SHE HAD A GOOD SCRIPT.

BUT... MISTY'S GOT A GOOD HEAD ON HER SHOULDERS. EVEN IF SHE LIED, THE LONGER MISTY IS THERE, THE MORE LIKELY IT IS SHE'LL NOTICE.

IN OTHER WORDS, SHE SAT MISTY DOWN AND TOLD HER SOME-THING...

...THAT MADE HER HAPPY AND WOULD STAND UP TO SCRUTINY WHEN SHE CALMED DOWN?

WHAT ?! ROAD-BUSTER ?!

TO-NIGHT ?! WHO IS THIS?

SWIPE

THIS IS BACHA-RACH.

IT'S NOT LIKE MISTY'S BECOME OUR ENEMY!

MAYBE I SHOULD JUST ASK MISTY HERSELF.

WHAT ?!

WE'LL HAVE TO FIND OUT JUST WHAT SHE USED AS THE BASIS OF HER PERSUA-SION.

NO NEED TO SAY MORE, IS THERE, MR. "WHITE AFRO"?

LET'S JUST SAY I'M SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T APPRECIATE HIM.

THE TIME AND PLACE ARE--

LISTEN UP, BECAUSE I'M ONLY GONNA SAY THIS ONCE.

I JUST WANTED TO POINT OUT WHOSE SIDE I'M ON.

WHERE DID YOU GET THAT INFO?

Phone

Phone

Phone

KLAK

"GWAAN"

FFF... CHAK

HOW'D IT GO WITH THAT CRAZY COP?

"HAGGHAAK"

IT'S FUNNY HOW HE SNORTS EVERY TIME YOU SAY ROADBUSTER'S NAME.

IT'S NOT FUNNY HOW YOU'RE STABBING AL IN THE BACK.

HE ATE IT UP, ESPECIALLY WHEN I BROUGHT UP THE V-8 RACE.

PLEASE TELL ME YOU WON'T TRY AGAIN IF THEY FAIL TO GET ROAD-BUSTER.

THAT'LL HELP KEEP MY COVER IF NEWS OF THE LEAK GETS OUT.

THERE'S A LOT OF US WHO DIDN'T LIKE HOW AL TREATED BOB LIKE A TRAITOR AND KILLED HIM.

IT'S A MATTER OF PRIDE!

YOU DON'T GET IT!

WHAM!!

...BUT YOU CAN'T KEEP THIS UP JUST BECAUSE HE MADE YOU BARF.

THE OBJECTIVE MAY BE TO PUT A DENT IN HIM...

YEAH, YEAH.

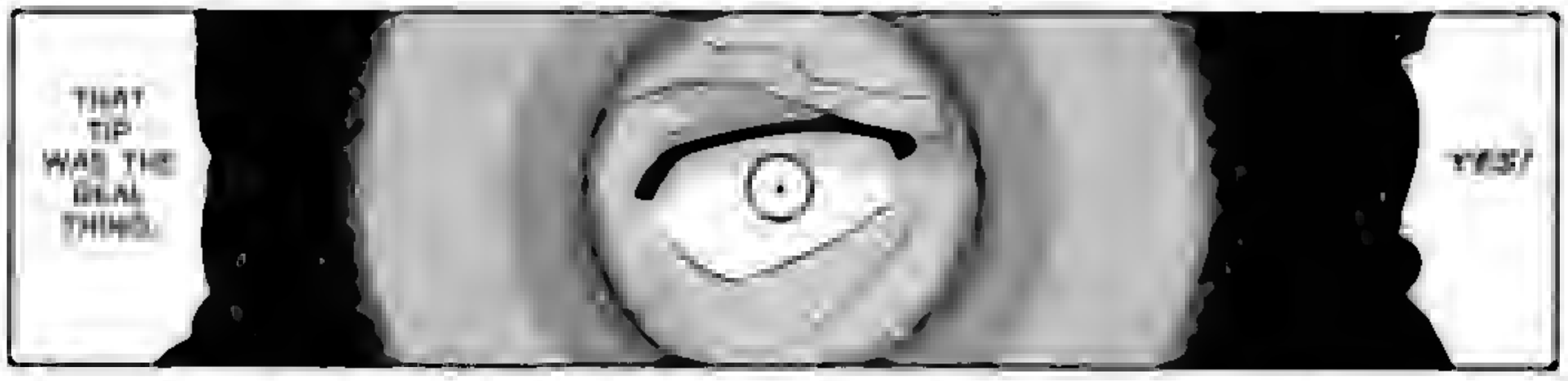
ZUOON

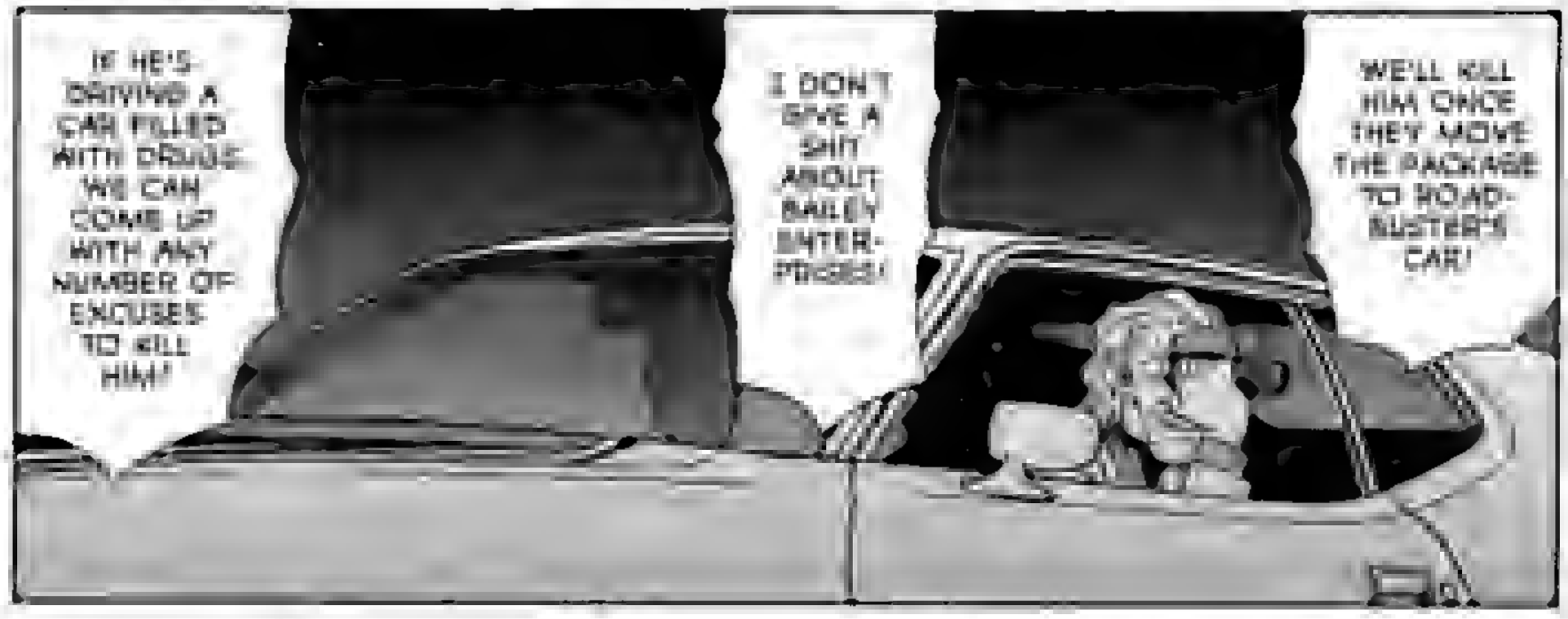
BESIDES, THERE'S A LOT OF ORGANIZATIONS THAT AREN'T AROUND ANYMORE BECAUSE OF HIM!

WHAT'S WITH THE MERCEDES? WHERE'S YOUR NORMAL CAR?

THE PACKAGE'S ARRIVED

IT'S GOOD TO HAVE MODEST BUT POWERFUL WHEELS WHEN THE CARGO'S DICEY.
VERY PRU-DENT.
THREE MIN-UTES EARLY.
YUP!
...BUT LET'S GET DOWN TO BUSI-NESS.
I WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING THE FAMOUS BUFFALO...




IF HE'S DRIVING A CAR FILLED WITH DRUGS WE CAN COME UP WITH ANY NUMBER OF EXCUSES TO KILL HIM!
I DON'T GIVE A SHIT ABOUT BAILEY ENTER-PRISES!
WE'LL KILL HIM ONCE THEY MOVE THE PACKAGE TO ROAD-BUSTER'S CAR!

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CHAPTER 45

LIFT THE BAN

ALREADY PLANNED TO

GGHAK

GGHAK

JUST TO BE SAFE, BE SURE TO GO AROUND THE BLOCK ONCE ALONG THE WAY.

WE'LL DO IT NEARBY. FOLLOW ME.

I BET THEY'RE GOING TO DO THE EXCHANGE SOMEWHERE ELSE.

TELL ME SOME-THING I DON'T KNOW!

DAMN. THEY'RE ON THE MOVE.

VVROOOM

YES, SIR!

CALL FOR BACKUP.

I'LL KEEP THE HEADLIGHTS OFF UNTIL WE HIT THE ROAD.

YES, SIR.

MAKE SURE THEY SEND UNMARKED CARS... AND NO SIRENS!

THIS IS ZEBRA 6. SUSPECTS ON THE MOVE.

I'M SURE THEY'LL MIX UP THEIR ROUTE TO SEE IF THEY'RE BEING FOLLOWED.

RAINES!

RAINES.

TURN A CIRCLE TWO BLOCKS BEFORE OUR DESTINATION TO CHECK IF ANYONE'S FOLLOWING US.

I UNDERSTAND YOU'RE NOT VERY HAPPY GETTING PULLED ONTO THIS JOB EVEN THOUGH YOU HAD THE NIGHT OFF.

BUT ACT LIKE A PRO AND DO THE JOB YOU'RE HERE TO DO.

OH... YES, SIR!

UNDER-STOOD.

7-11

BU RO RO RO

7-11

VROOM

HIS SKILLS MAY NOT EXTEND PAST HIS DRIVING AND THERE'S A CHANCE HE MAY TAKE TOO MANY CHANCES

RUMORS ARE ALWAYS PRONE TO EXAGGERATION

I DON'T COMPLETELY TRUST HIM EITHER

YOU'RE THE BEST I'VE GOT

I HAD TO CHOOSE YOU AS MY DRIVER TONIGHT BECAUSE I TRUST YOU

I ALSO THINK THAT HE MIGHT BE FOLLOWED BY THE POLICE AFTER WE TRANSFER THE GOODS

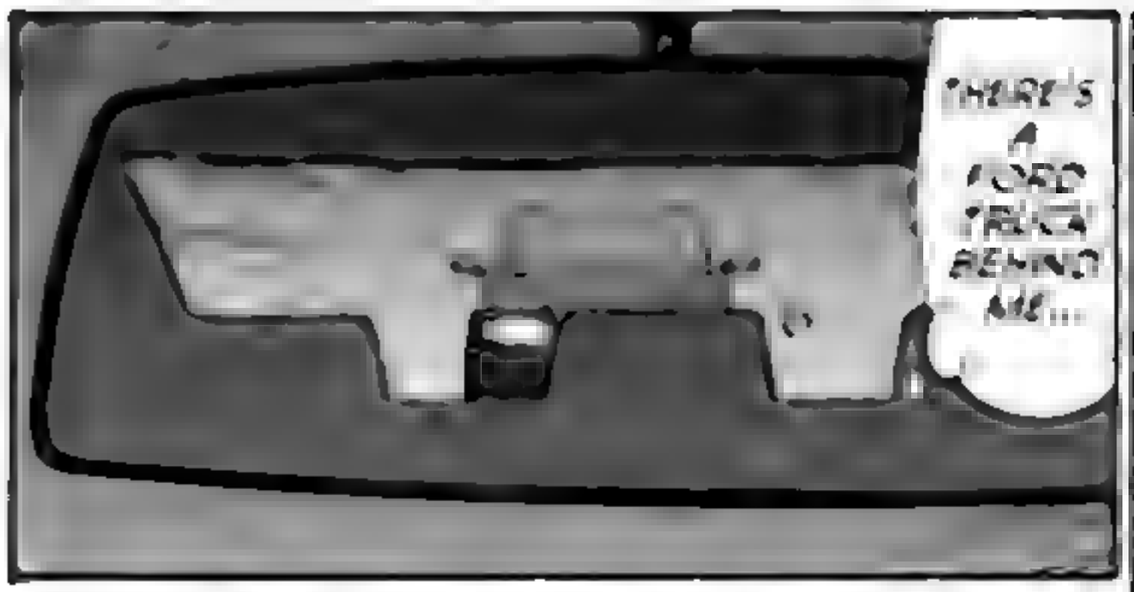
SHIT

THANK YOU, SIR...

TH-THANKS

THEY MIGHT BE ONE OF THOSE CARS BEHIND ROAD-BUSTER'S $500

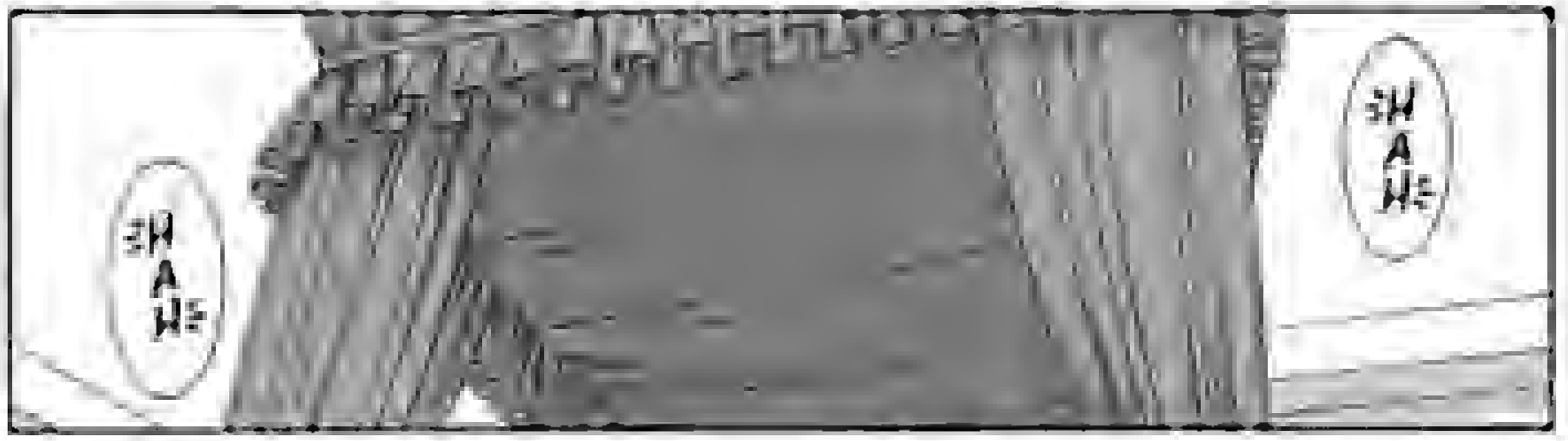
IF THE COPS ARE ACTING ON MY LEAD...


THERE'S A FORD TRUCK BEHIND ME...

AND WHAT LOOKS LIKE AN OLD MUSTANG BEHIND THAT.

N

OR THAT CRAZY COP?
COULD IT BE BAILEY?
BUT HE'S A PRO IN THIS BUSINESS IS IT A DOUBLE CROSS OR A TRAP?
IF ANY INFO GOT OUT IT HAD TO BE FROM BAILEY'S SIDE.
WELL ONCE I TURN ON THE SPEED THINGS SHOULD BE OK.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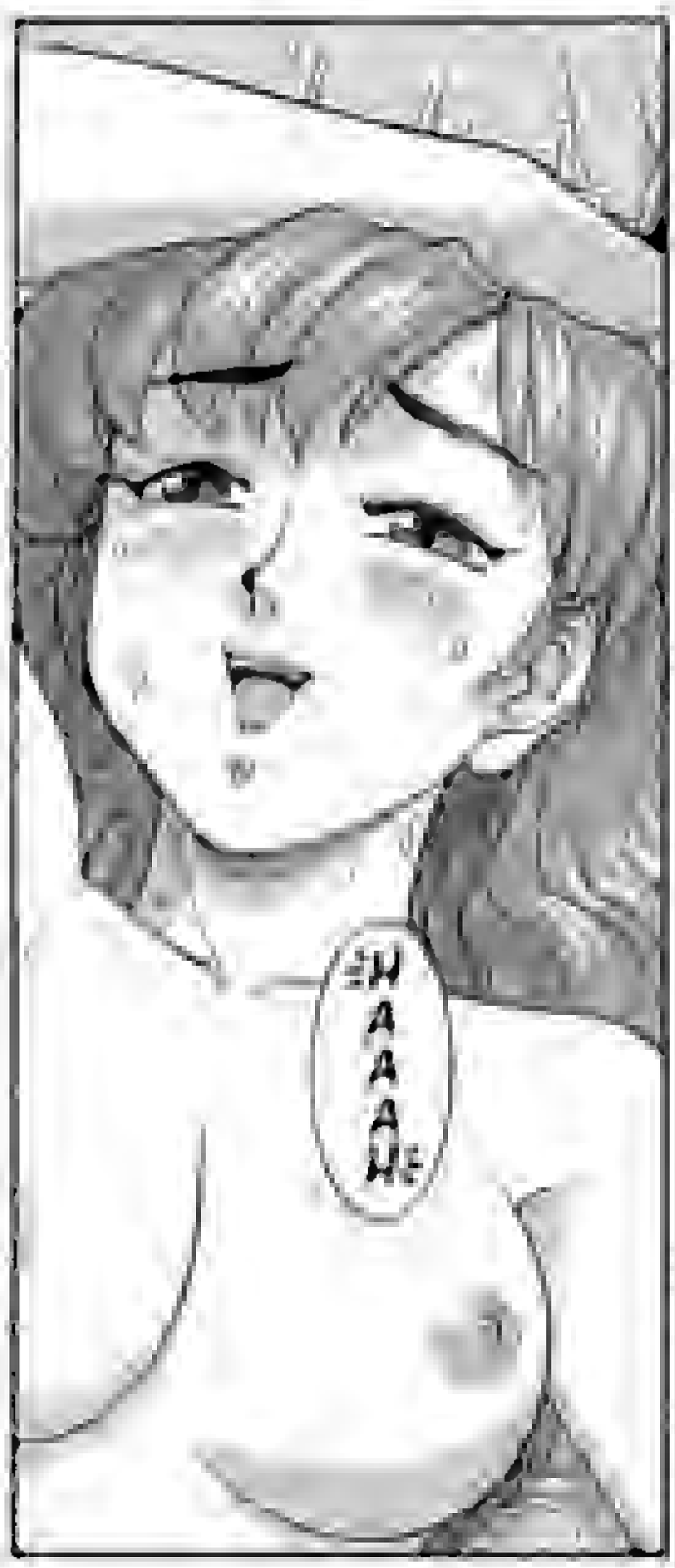
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PHEW!

HMMMM.

GIVE ONE TO MISTY.

YES, MA'AM.

I CHILLED YOUR FAVORITE GINGER ALE AND THE GLASSES.

AS YOU ASKED, MISS GOLDIE.

YES.

IS IT CHILLED?

THANK YOU, ESTE.

HERE.

SOME-THING TO PICK YOU UP, MISTY.

BRRR!

BRUSH

I'D LIKE TO REST A LITTLE FIRST.

YES, MA'AM. ♡

THEN YOU CAN BOTH COME WITH ME TO SLEEP IN MY ROOM.

MISTY AND ESTE, YOU HAVE A BATH AS WELL.

ESTE!

LOOKS LIKE I TIRED MISTY OUT. WHY DON'T YOU GET IN THE BATH FIRST.

JUST LET ME REST.

NO! LET'S SLEEP TOGETHER!

FWAP

YES, MA'AM!

OH MISTY!

HMM?

UM...

FWOP!!

SWOOSH!!

WAS IT A LITTLE TOO ROUGH?

THANK YOU, GOLDIE. ♡

LIE DOWN AND RELAX A LITTLE.

FOR RALLY, AM I?

...JUST A REPLACE-MENT...

I'M NOT...

YOU'RE YOU.

DON'T BE SILLY.

VROOM
GCHAK

OH, JUST ONE THING BEFORE I GO.
WHAT?
GCHAK
GOT IT!
I'LL LET YOU TAKE IT FROM HERE.
MY MEN WILL TAKE CARE OF THE ARRIVAL REPORT AND THE RETURN SHIPMENT. SO YOU CAN JUST CONCENTRATE ON TRANSPORTING IT.

BUT THEY WON'T STAY ON ME FOR LONG.
I MIGHT BE FOLLOWED BY THE COPS ONCE I LEAVE.

AFTER THAT TRUCK BEHIND ME CONTINUED GOING STRAIGHT, THE MUSTANG BEHIND IT DIDN'T CLOSE THE GAP AT ALL.
6-G 6-G
I TOLD YOU THAT NO ONE FOLLOWED US WHEN WE CIRCLED THE BLOCK!

...AND A SUPRA FOLLOWED US THROUGH THE NEXT TWO RIGHTS. IN OTHER WORDS, WE HAD SOMEONE ON OUR TAIL FOR THE ENTIRE CIRCLE.

THEN AT THE THIRD RIGHT, IT KEPT GOING STRAIGHT...

IT KEPT FOLLOW-ING THROUGH THE SECOND RIGHT.

MAYBE IT WAS A COINCIDENCE, OR MAYBE THE MEETING WAS LEAKED.

I DOUBT THAT WOULD'VE HAPPENED IF THEY HADN'T KNOWN ABOUT THE MEETING AT THE WAREHOUSE.

NAW. IT WAS JUST THE MUSTANG AND THE SUPRA.

DID A THIRD CAR FOLLOW US HERE FOR THE FEW MINUTES AFTER THE CIRCLE?

IF YOU LOSE THEM, THERE WON'T BE ANY PROB-LEMS.

BESIDES, AT THIS POINT, YOUR CAR IS THE ONLY ONE WITH THE GOODS.

VROOOOOOM

YOU THINK TOO MUCH! I DOUBT THERE WAS A LEAK.

SEE YA!

LET'S HOPE SO.

S500

ZOOM

SKREECH

BRM

BBMM

PERCY. I KNEW IT.

STAY CALM UNTIL I GIVE THE SIGNAL.

YES, SIR.

RAINES, YOU BE READY TO GET US OUT OF HERE.

OUR FINGER-PRINTS AREN'T ON THE GOODS IN HIS CAR. SO THERE'S NO NEED TO PANIC.

BOSS. THAT'S A DE-TECTIVE WITH THE CITY POLICE.

KEEP YOUR GUN HIDDEN BUT BE READY TO FIRE AT ANY TIME.

WHAT A COINCIDENCE THAT A DETECTIVE LIKE ME, PERCY BACHARACH, SHOULD STUMBLE UPON THIS!

WELL NOW, WHAT'S THIS? A MEETING BETWEEN ROADBUSTER AND BAILY ENTER-PRISES?!

WE SHOULD TAKE THIS CHANCE TO GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER!

I HATE TO KEEP THE LARGE NUMBER OF UNMARKED CARS WAITING FOR ME OUTSIDE!

WHY DON'T YOU STICK AROUND ?!

ROAD-BUSTER!

WOOSH

I BET HE'S LYING ABOUT THE CARS OUT-SIDE.

CONSIDERING THE CARS THAT FOLLOWED US, THERE'S AT LEAST A SUPRA OUT THERE.

THAT GOES FOR ALL OF YOU IN BAILY ENTER-PRISES AS WELL!

AS A WAY OF INTRODUCING YOURSELVES, SHOW ME WHAT'S IN YOUR CARS AND TRUNKS!

KREEK

BMP

CHAK

WE JUST MET HIM! WHO KNOWS WHAT HE HAS!

SO YOU ALREADY PUT THE GOODS IN ROAD-BUSTER'S CAR.

SEE?

BOTH THE CAR AND THE TRUNK ARE EMPTY.

HMPH.

WHATEVER. GET IN WITH HIM, BAILEY.

SLAM

YOU'RE THE REASON WE GOT FOLLOWED HERE.

WITH YOUR SKILL, IT SHOULD'VE BEEN POSSIBLE.

WHY DIDN'T YOU TRY TO RUN BEFORE HE GOT SO CLOSE?

IF YOU CAN FIND A WAY OUT AND DELIVER THE GOODS, I'LL DOUBLE YOUR REWARD.

IF WE GIVE UP NOW, I'LL LOSE ALL OF IT.

WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

THAT ALL HAPPENED BEFORE I TOOK ON THE GOODS, SO IT'S HARD TO SAY YOU'VE LIVED UP TO YOUR SIDE OF THE DEAL.

AS LONG AS YOU DON'T MIND THE FACT THAT I'M IN SUCH A NORMAL CAR.

DO YOU REMEMBER OUR DEAL? THE ONE FROM THE V8 RACE?

HEY!

HMMM.

OK!

YEAH!

I'M GONNA DO MY BEST TO KILL YOU. IF YOU ESCAPE, WE'RE EVEN.

IT'S ON THEN.

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CHAPTER 46

CAN'T BACK UP

DON'T MOVE!

I'M ONLY HERE BY COINCIDENCE. JUST LIKE YOU! I HAVE *NOTHING* TO DO WITH ROADBUSTER!

I'M GET-TING OUT!

SWOOSH

HE'S GOT NOTHIN' TO DO WITH THIS. LET HIM GO AND WE'LL HAVE FUN RACIN'!

HEY.

I THINK I'LL CALL IN MY COLLEAGUES FROM OUTSIDE AND ASK THEM TO HELP ME SEARCH THE CAR.

AND THAT YOU HIRED ROAD-BUSTER TO TRANS-PORT THEM.

MR BAILEY. I'M WELL AWARE THAT THEY'RE YOUR GOODS.

THAT MEANS YOU CAN AFFORD HIM AND STILL RAKE IN A GOOD PROFIT.

IT'S GOOD SHIT! AND THERE'S A LOT OF IT!

IF I WIN, I GET TO TAKE BOTH OF THEM IN AND GET THE DRUGS.

...I'LL LET YOU AND YOUR GOODS OFF THE HOOK AS WELL.

IF BEAN OUT-RUNS ME AND ES-CAPES...

THERE'S TWO OF THEM.

AND THERE MIGHT BE BACKUP OUTSIDE.

NOTH-ING WE CAN DO.

WHAD-DYA THINK, RAINES?

NO...

...I WAS THINKING MORE ABOUT THE *LEAK.*

WE CAN HANDLE ANY LEGAL PROBLEMS LATER IF THEY DON'T SHUT THIS DOWN HERE AND NOW.

WE CAN'T KILL A COP WITHOUT ORDERS FROM THE BOSS.

YOU'RE TALKING AS IF YOU ALREADY HAD INFO THAT WE WERE DOING A DRUG DEAL TONIGHT.

YOU DIDN'T THINK I WAS GONNA LET BAILEY ENTERPRISES OFF THAT EASY, DID YOU?

NOW, NOW. BACK IN THE CAR.

NOW! LET'S START THIS VERY HIGH STAKES RACE!

I KNOW EVERY-THING!

DOG 3. THIS IS ZEBRA 6...

YES, SIR!

DICK! CALL OUR GUYS IN THE SUPRA!

TELL THEM TO DRIVE AROUND THE BLOCK TO LOOK FOR ANYONE SUSPICIOUS!

THAT'S A GOOD BOY.

OK, OK! UNDER-STOOD!

LET'S GO! I'LL GIVE YOU A 5 SECOND HEAD START!

THAT SHOULD GIVE US TWO MINUTES TO GET OUT UNNO-TICED!

THE CHIEF SAID TO HELP HIM.

I CAN'T BELIEVE WE'RE STUCK WORKING FOR BACHA-RACH

UN-BELIEV-ABLE

WE'RE COPS AND HE'S THE CHIEF.

WE HAVE A DUTY TO DO WHAT HE SAYS.

WE JUST HAPPENED TO BE IN THE WRONG PLACE AT THE WRONG TIME.

...IT MIGHT EVEN BE ROAD-BUSTER.

THE CAR THE DETECTIVE HAD US FOLLOW...

HE'S DANGER-OUS!

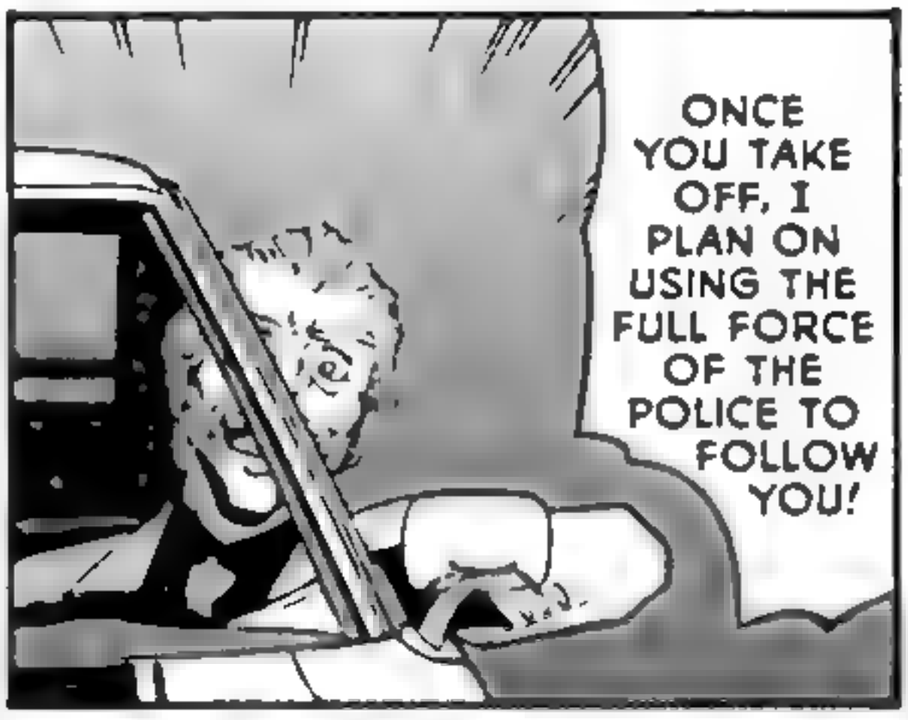
IT'S HIM. WE SHOULD JUST CALL HEADQUARTERS AND PRETEND OUR ENGINE BROKE DOWN.

WOOSH

DURORORORO

I'D PREFER IT IF YOU'D JUST FIND A PLACE ALONG THE WAY TO LET ME OUT.
DURORORO
WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT THE SITUATION. I'D APPRECIATE IT IF YOU JUST LEAVE EVERY-THING UP TO ME.

YOU CAN TAKE WHATEVER ROUTE YOU WANT, BUT I CAN'T MAKE THE RACE TOO FAIR!
I'LL TELL THEM BAILEY'S AN INNOCENT HOSTAGE TO KEEP THEM FROM SHOOT-ING!


ONCE YOU TAKE OFF, I PLAN ON USING THE FULL FORCE OF THE POLICE TO FOLLOW YOU!

NAW, HE'S KINDA FUN.
I'VE HEARD OF THIS PERCY BACHARACH BEFORE. HE REALLY IS BATSHIT CRAZY.

ONCE THE RACE STARTS, THE COPS ARE GONNA BE EVERY-WHERE.
OUR BOSS IS LIKE A HOSTAGE.
HEY! AREN'T WE GONNA FOLLOW THEM?

GOT IT!

THE GOAL IS THE STATE BORDER, ROAD-BUSTER!

WE KNOW WHERE THEY'RE HEADED

ALL WE CAN DO IS WAIT FOR THE BOSS TO CONTACT US

VRROOM

SKREEEE

DON'T WORRY! THE CAR IS AR-MORED!

WHAT IF WE GET CAUGHT IN A SWARM OF BULLETS RIGHT OUTSIDE?

BRRROOM

SKREEEECH

THOSE WHO AGREE WITH THE CONTRACT, PLEASE LEAVE THE PAPERS ON THE TABLE.

WELL, THEN...

FLAP FLAP

FLAP FLAP FLAP FLAP

FLAP FLAP

THOSE WHO DON'T WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE CARTEL.

I SEE MOST OF YOU AGREE.

...YOU WILL NO LONGER HAVE ACCESS TO MY PROD-UCTS.

THIS ALSO MEANS...

JUST SO YOU UNDER-STAND.

YOU AND SAKINEN ARE THE ONLY ONES WHO STILL THINK THAT WAY.

BRO-MAN!

WHAT HAPPENED TO ALL OF YOU?! ARE YOU SCARED THAT GOLDIE'S BRAINWASHED ALL OF YOUR MEN LIKE LAST TIME?!

LAST MONTH NO ONE WAS WILLING TO GO ALONG WITH THIS PLAN!

WHAT DID YOU *DO?*

THEY'RE ADDICTIVE BUT NOT HARMFUL TO YOUR HEALTH. THAT'S THE PERFECT COMBO FOR BIG SALES.

GOLDIE MUSOU'S PRODUCTS ARE THE BEST THERE ARE.

PLUS GOLDIE'S ORGANI-ZATION WON'T BE WHOLE-SALING DIRECTLY TO THE MARKET.

AT THE SAME PRICE AND VOLUME TO EVERY-ONE.

THIS PRODUCT IS MORE PROFITABLE THAN DARK BALL, AND IT WILL ONLY BE SOLD TO MEMBERS OF THIS CARTEL.

THE KERASINE 2 WE USED TO GET FROM GOLDIE WAS ALSO A VERY GOOD PROD-UCT.

WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO ACCEPT THIS GENER-OUS OFFER.

WE'VE HAD TWO MAJOR DRUG ROUTES SMASHED BY THE COPS RECENTLY. WE'RE DESPERATE FOR PRODUCT.

THERE'S QUITE A FEW OF US WHO OWE OUR CURRENT POSITION TO THOSE PRODUCTS.

AND THE POWER BALL FROM THAT TIME WAS ESPECIALLY GOOD FOR BRAINWASH-ING.

SHE KNOWS NOTH-ING ABOUT HONOR!

AND MR. HARMEN, THE MAN WHO TOOK CARE OF US DURING THAT TIME, WAS KILLED JUST TWO MONTHS AGO!

BUT WE TREATED HER AS GOOD AS DEAD JUST SIX MONTHS AGO!

AND THE GUY WHO ENGINEERED THE WHOLE THING IS NOW IN CHARGE OF THE ENTIRE ORGANIZATION.

ALL THANKS TO SOME NEW BRAIN-WASHING DRUG, I'M SURE!

YOU KNOW THAT HARMEN WAS KILLED BY HIS OWN MAN AS PART OF AN INTERNAL COUP.

SAK-INEN.

YOU SHOULD CONSIDER THE NEEDS OF THE ENTIRE CARTEL.

...THERE'S LESS FIGHTING, AND THEY'VE STOPPED TRYING TO MUSCLE IN ON TERRITORY.

BUT NOW THAT THE HARMEN ORGANI-ZATION IS A PART OF GOLD-IE'S...

IF YOU THINK YOU CAN DO IT ON YOUR OWN WITHOUT THE CARTEL, BE MY GUEST.

WE NEED TO BAND TOGETHER TO FIGHT OUT OF STATE ORGANIZATIONS TRYING TO MUSCLE IN.

YOU'RE REALLY SOME-THING.

...

...

TO MANY THINGS.

LET'S JUST SAY MY EYES WERE OPENED.

I KNOW THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS NEW DRUG HELPED...BUT WHAT'S HAPPENED TO YOU IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS, MISS MUSOU?

OK.

YES.

CAN I ASSUME YOU NOW AGREE TO THE TERMS?

BROMAN, SAKINEN!

GOOD WORK, MISS GOLDIE.

YES, MA'AM.

TELL ME IN THE ELEVA-TOR.

I'M GOING BACK TO MY ROOM.

I HAVE NEWS ABOUT THAT SPECIAL PRODUCT.

BOSS.

I THOUGHT WE ONLY GAVE HIM A FEW DOSES.

I DON'T SEE WHY BEAN BANDIT WOULD WANT ANY.

THE GOODS ARE NORMAL DRUGS WE SUPPLIED. BUT HE DID GIVE SOME OF THE SPECIAL PRODUCT TO BEAN.

BAILEY ENTERPRISES HAS CONTRACTED BEAN BANDIT TO TRANSPORT DRUGS FOR THEM TONIGHT.

IT LOOKS AS THOUGH A LOT CHANGED WHEN AL KILLED HIS BROTHER LAST WEEK.

I'M WORRIED ABOUT BEAN.

I NEED MORE INFO ON AL BAILEY.

YES, MA'AM.

B3 B2 B1 L 1 2 3 4 5 6

I GUESS WE SHOULDN'T HAVE PROVIDED HIM WITH ANY MORE OF IT EVEN THOUGH HE'D DEVELOPED A DEPENDENCY.

THE PERSUASION WORKED A LITTLE TOO WELL, AND NOW HE'S TURNED TOO ECCENTRIC.

I SEE.

I GAVE AL BAILEY QUITE A FEW SHOTS WHEN WE WERE TESTING THE DRUG.

VROOOOM

SWOOSH

I GET IT. I GET IT. DON'T GET TOO EXCITED. REMEMBER, I'M HERE, TOO.

WHADDYA THINK?! IT MAY LOOK LIKE A NORMAL CAR, BUT SHE'S SPECIAL UNDER THE HOOD!

TRY TO FIND A PLACE TO DROP ME OFF BEFORE THINGS GET TOO HOT!

GETTING TO THE STATE LINE SHOULDN'T BE ANY TROUBLE!

YOU'RE ROAD-BUSTER, AREN'T YOU?

MIGHT AS WELL SETTLE IN FOR THE RIDE!

PERCY'S RIGHT ON OUR ASS! THERE'S NO TIME!

I BET HE EVEN TOLD HEADQUARTERS YOU'RE AN ACCOMPLICE, NOT A HOSTAGE!

WHAT?!

HE PLAYS DIRTY! HE'LL LIE AND CHEAT TO KILL ME!

DOG IT! BE SURE TO KEEP UP!

THERE'S A GOOD CHANCE HE'S CARRYING DRUGS!

THIS IS ZERRA 61! ROAD-BUSTER'S FOLLOWING THE RIVER SOUTH OUT OF THE CITY!

HE PROBABLY PICKED UP ON THE LACK OF ENTHUSIASM IN YOUR VOICE OVER THE RADIO.

HOW'D HE KNOW?!

SHIT!

I WON'T LET YOU GET AWAY WITH TRYING TO PRETEND YOU HAD ENGINE TROUBLE!

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO HIM IS HIM SELF.

IF HE WANTS YOU SO BADLY, WHY DIDN'T HE JUST OPEN FIRE IN THE GARAGE?

IF WE'RE ON THE ROAD...

PLUS THERE ARE SECURITY CAMERAS IN THE GARAGE. HE WOULD'VE BEEN CAUGHT ON TAPE.

IT WOULD'VE BEEN TWO AGAINST FOUR IN A SHOOT OUT

...THERE'S NO RECORD OF WHAT HAPPENED.

ROOOAR

AND IF THE VICTIM IS AN OUTLAW LIKE ME, NO ONE'S GONNA LOOK INTO IT TOO HARD.

IF HE ERASES THE MEMORY IN THE PATROL CAR CAMERA HE CAN SAY WHATEVER HE WANTS.

HONNK

LOOK OUT!

SHIT!

WOOSH

KLAANG

DETEC-TIVE PERCY! THERE'S NOT ENOUGH ...!

THE MIR-ROR!

ROOAAR

THUD

DOG 3!

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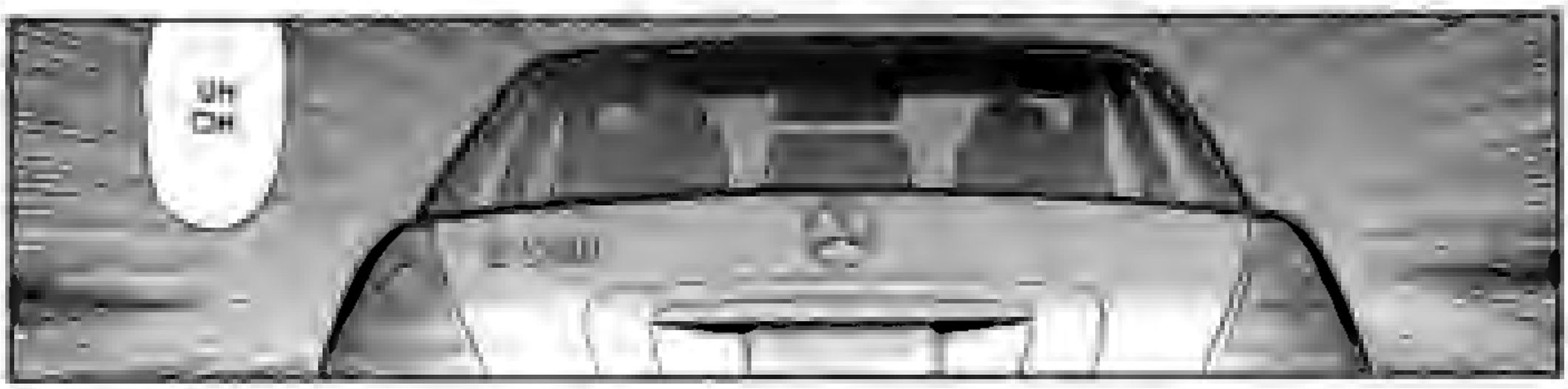
CHAPTER 47

150MPH SHAKE

WE THINK ROAD-BUSTER'S HEADED TOWARD INDIANA ON ROUTE 60!
THIS IS ZEBRA 6! DOG 3 WAS JUST IN AN ACCIDENT WITH A CIVILIAN CAR!

CONTINU-ING PURSUIT!
BLOCK ALL ROADS THAT CROSS THE BORDER!


UH OH

I KNEW WE COULDN'T TRUST HIM!
LOOKS LIKE HE'S CALLING FOR HELP ON THE RADIO!

HE'S SURE HE CAN BRING THIS TO AN END BEFORE WE REACH THE BORDER.

HE'LL PROBABLY KEEP FOLLOWING US EVEN IF WE MAKE IT OVER THE STATE LINE!

DO YOU THINK HE ALREADY KNOWS OUR DESTINATION?!

EVEN IF WE CROSS INTO INDIANA AND CONTINUE ON TO MY OLD TERRITORY OF MICHIGAN, HE'LL PROBABLY STILL FOLLOW US!

WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO, ROAD-BUSTER?!

THAT'S NOT GOOD FOR PERCY EITHER. SO HE'LL DO ANYTHING TO END IT BEFORE THEN!

I DON'T KNOW! BUT BY THE TIME WE GET TO THAT POINT, BOTH THE MEDIA AND THE FBI WILL HAVE COPTERS IN THE AIR!

THE CHIEF'S SENDING OUT A CHOPPER. IT'LL BE HERE IN 15 MINUTES.

SHIT! I CAN'T LET THIS DRAG ON MUCH LONGER!

THAT GERMAN SEDAN DOESN'T FIT YOU AT ALL! I'LL BRING A MACHO TACKLE DOWN ON YOUR ASS!

GREAT! WE GOTTA TRY SOMETHING HERE! THERE'S NOT MANY CARS AND THE ROAD'S STRAIGHT!

VROOOM

WOOSH

ROSS 428

WAAAAAH

I'VE GOTTA SHAKE HIM FIRST!

I HOPE YOUR BELT'S BUCKLED!

IT IS! NOW GET SOME DISTANCE AND FIND A PLACE TO DROP ME OFF!

HERE HE COMES!

VRROOM

VROOM

SKREE

SWOOSH

!

AAAH!

W-W-WHAT THE --?!

KYAH!

WOOSH

VROOM

EEEK!

!!

WELL, HE IS RUNNIN' A BOSS 429.

LOOKS LIKE HE'S GOT THE BETTER CAR!

HEY! NOW HE'S RIGHT BESIDE US!

mach 1 MUSTANG

GUN...
PEEP
EEEE

ANN!

THOSE NON-ABS BRAKES ARE PRETTY COOL, MERCY!

I WON'T ALLOW IT!

SKREEEECH

YOU THINK YOU CAN ESCAPE BY BRAKING?!

SLAM

BUT THEY CAN'T MAKE UP FOR A QUARTER CENTURY OF CHASSIS PERFORMANCE!

CRACK!

ZOOM

HEY!

THUD

ROAD-BUSTER!

YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO SPEED UP AS QUICKLY!

YOU'RE TORQUE LOSES OUT TO MY 5-LITER!

MMM!

WHOA!

SKIDD

SKREECH

ESPECIALLY WITH A HEAVY MACH 1 WITH A BOSS 429!

UNTIL YOU GET THAT PITCH IN THE BACK UNDER CONTROL YOU CAN'T PUT TOO MUCH *DRGGUE INTO IT.

IF THAT'S A NASCAR UNIT*, I'VE GOTTA HAVE ONE!

STILL I DIDN'T THINK PERCY'D SPIN THAT MUCH.

I COULD PUT IT TO *COOLER USE!*

VROOM!

YOU GO UNDER STAND THAT THERE WAS NO CHOICE AT THE TIME.

WHAT ?

BUT THERE'S JUST SOMETHING NOT RIGHT ABOUT TONIGHT.

I'M NOT BLAMING YOU, RAINES

BUT I'M GONNA CALL THE OFFICE AND TELL THEM TO START GETTING RID OF EVIDENCE JUST IN CASE HE GETS TAKEN IN

I'M NOT SAYING YOU DID ANYTHING WRONG.

THEN OUR BOSS WAS FORCED INTO ROADBUSTER'S CAR, AND THAT CRAZY DETECTIVE DIDN'T EVEN CHECK INSIDE BEFORE THEY WERE OFF.

THE GOONS DIDN'T SHOW UP UNTIL AFTER WE MOVED THE GOODS

PERLY'S ALL OVER HIM AND GETS INFO ALL THE TIME

IF YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THE LEAK, YOU REALIZE IT MUST'VE COME FROM ROAD BUSTER

HE'S A PRO DRIVER THAT EVEN LOCKJOE ADMITS IS THE BEST OF THE PROS

HE'S NOT THAT STUPID

I TRUST MS. GOLDIE'S JUDGMENT A LOT MORE THAN I TRUST OUR BOSS.

YOU'D TRUST HIM MORE THAN US?

THE LEAK MUST'VE BEEN FROM ONE OF OUR PEOPLE.

MS. GOLDIE'S ASKED ME TO INFORM HER OF THINGS WITHOUT GOING THROUGH THE BOSS.

HE MAY NOT BE AT THE TOP OF HIS GAME, BUT ISN'T THAT GOING A LITTLE TOO FAR?

I TOLD HER THAT A DEAL WAS GOING DOWN BEFORE WE MET ROAD-BUSTER.

IT'S LIKE I'M ALREADY A PART OF HER ORGANI-ZATION.

AND I'M GONNA CALL HER NOW TO TELL HER EVERYTHING THAT WENT DOWN TONIGHT.

PERKINS. SINCE WHEN—

MS. GOLDIE TRUSTS ME A LOT MORE THAN AL.

YOU CAN SAY INFORMANT. BUT YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A SPY.

IF ANYTHING SHOULD HAPPEN TO AL. I'M SURE GOLDIE WOULD PUT ME IN CHARGE OF THE ORGANIZATION

OF COURSE YOU DON'T HAVE TO SAY ANYTHING IF YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING.

EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE ACTING AGAINST THE ORGANIZATION. I CAN PROMISE TO TRY TO GET YOU A HIGH RANKING POST

IF YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE LEAK. TELL ME

YOU CAN SAY YOU'RE THE NEXT BOSS ALL YOU WANT. BUT I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT

EVEN IF ROAD-BUSTER ESCAPES. THE COPS KNOW HE'S A PART OF THIS. HE'LL BE ARRESTED FOR SURE

YOU DON'T THINK THE BOSS IS GONNA GET OUT OF THIS?

WE CAN GET MS. GOLDIE TO SEND MEN OVER AND DO AN INVESTIGATION

IT'S GOOD TO HAVE A STRONG ORGANIZATION BACKING YOU UP

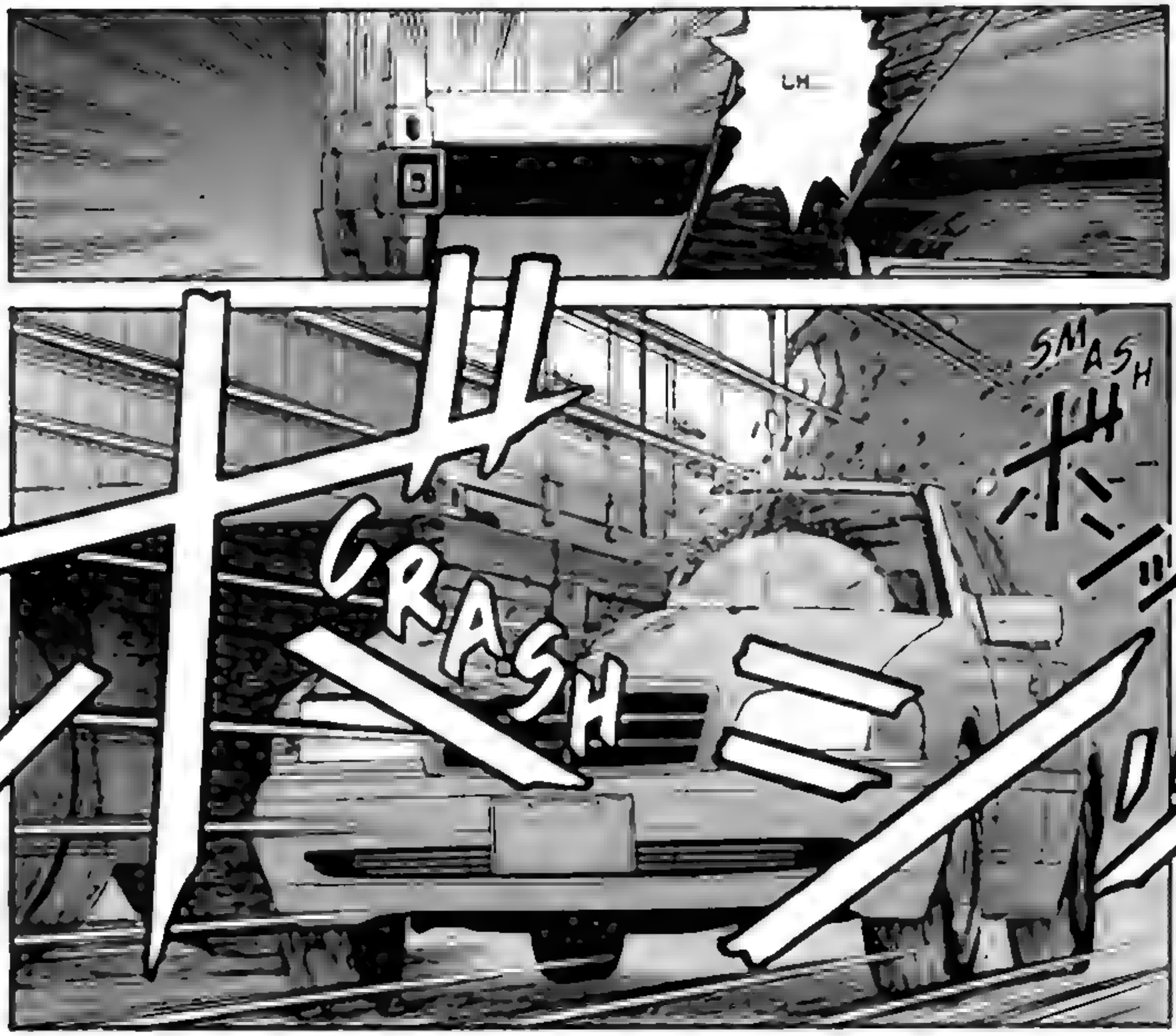
FWP

...
...

I'D RATHER SWITCH TO A MAJOR ORGANIZATION THAN BE PART OF ONE ON ITS WAY OUT

WHEN THAT HAPPENS. MS. GOLDIE WILL REFUSE TO SELL US HER DRUGS.

MM HM
GRD
I HAVE NOTHING TO SAY


UH
SMASH
CRASH

-HAH-
-HAH-

KLINK

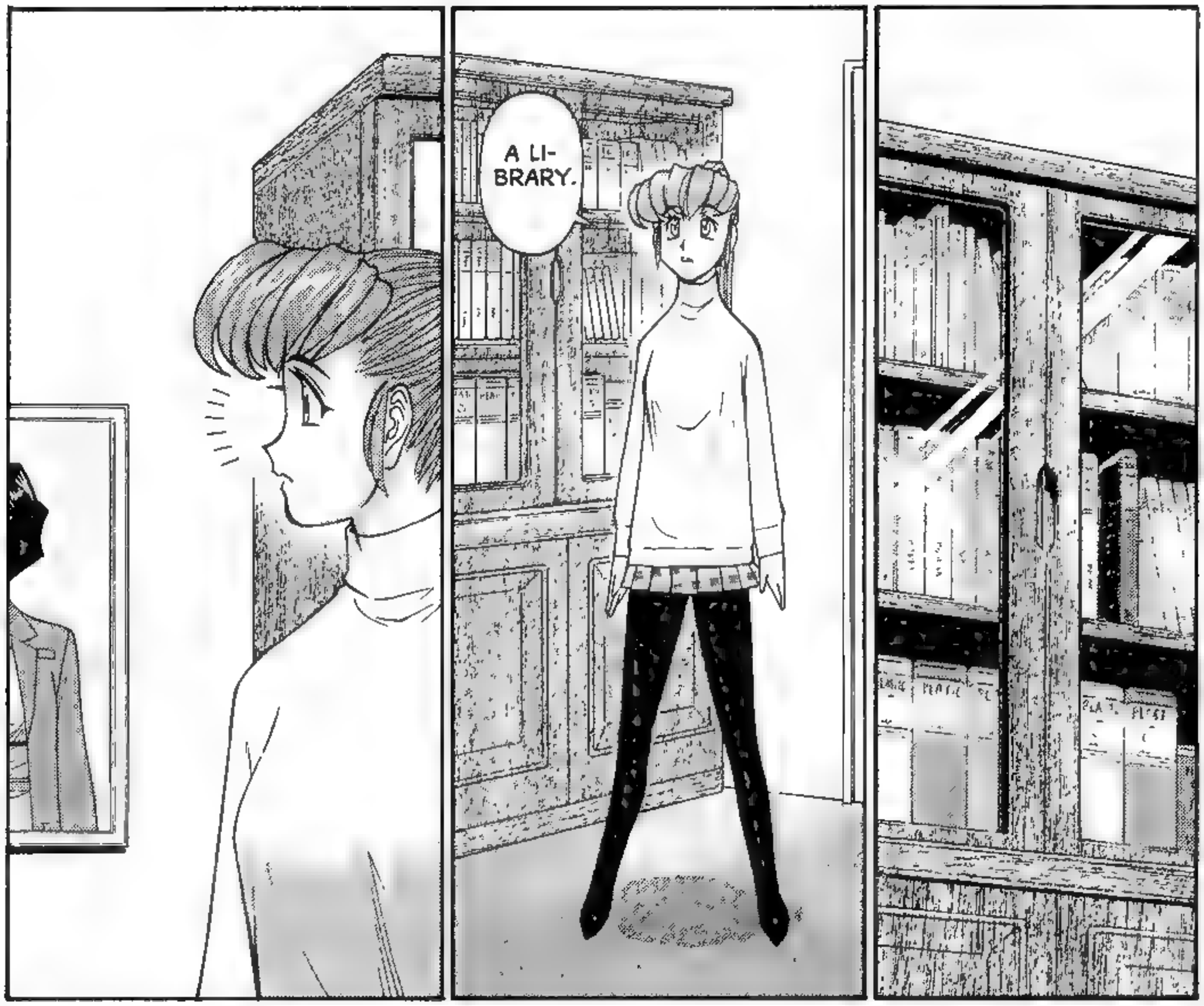
...PLEASE FORGIVE ME FOR PEEKING AT MISS GOLDIE'S SECRETS.

LORD...

KLIK カチッ

PAK

GOT IT! I'M SO GOOD!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BRARY.

I
KNEW
IT.
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OF
RALLY.

FWAP FWAP FWAP FWAP FWAP

...THAT MEANS THE ROAD-BLOCK CAN'T BE FAR AWAY.

THE CHOPPER'S HERE...

HEY!

DE-TEC-TIVE!

THIS'LL MAKE IT HARDER TO FINISH THE DEAL WHEN I CATCH HIM!

THE FUCKIN' BIRD'S HERE ALREADY!

SHIT!

CHAPTER.47 / END

CHAPTER 48
PERCY

MAYBE FOR YOU!

THE TV CAMERAS WILL PICK IT UP, MAKING THINGS VERY HARD FOR HIM. *IT'LL BE PERFECT!*

IF I CAN NEEDLE HIM INTO TAKING ACTION, HE'LL END UP CAUSING ALL SORTS OF DAM-AGE!

I KNOW! I'VE ALREADY HAVE A PLAN FOR THAT!

HE'S MORE LIKELY TO TRY TO SHOOT OUT OF THAT PORTAL!

HOW COULD IT BE?!

DICK! IS THE BACKUP BEHIND US?!

IF ONLY DOG 3 WERE STILL THERE-!

THERE'S NO POLICE CAR THAT COULD'VE MADE UP THAT GROUND!

WE'VE BEEN FLYING FOR OVER A HUNDRED MILES!

ZEBRA 6 IS IN PURSUIT!

ALL CARS. THIS IS HEAD-QUARTERS. THE ROADBLOCK ON ROUTE 80 IS COMPLETE!

I CAN'T GET OUT IF THE CHOPPER'S WATCHING! FIND A PARKING GARAGE WITH A ROOF--

NO! THERE'S NO TIME TO LOOK FOR A GOOD SPOT!

EVEN IF HE ISN'T, HE MUST BE EXPECTING A ROAD BLOCK!

FUCKIN' IDIOT! DOESN'T HE REALIZE THAT ROAD-BUSTER'S PROBABLY LISTENING?!

THE CHOPPER WOULD SEE ANY CHANGE I MADE!

IF YOU CAN LISTEN IN ON THEIR RADIOS, YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO AVOID THEM COMPLETELY!

SO MUCH FOR MESSING WITH 'EM AND RUN!

4, 11, AND 27 BLOCK THE ROADS INTO THE CITY!

WE STILL HAVE A WAYS UNTIL THE BEST SPOT FOR A ROAD BLOCK!

WE'RE COOL UNLESS THEY SHOOT ROCKET GRENADES AT US

I'VE SMASHED THROUGH LOTS OF ROAD BLOCKS.

VRROOM

LET'S HAVE A LITTLE FUN!

ROOARR

mach1

I NEED TO GET HIM BEFORE THE ROAD BLOCK!

EVEN IF THEY'RE FLATLESS, IT'LL SLOW HIM DOWN ENOUGH TO GET HIM!

YES, SIR!

I'LL PULL UP ALONG SIDE HIM AGAIN! SHOOT THE TIRES!

I'LL FINISH HIM OFF FOR GOOD!

THUD

SKREE KYU

SKREE KYU

SKREE KYU

SKREE KYU

SKID

SHOOO!!

DO-RU DO-RU DO-RU DO-RU

YOU ALL --?

SORRY. LOST CON-TROL.

OOOF!

JAMES!

LATER!

TAKE IT EASY!

RO-ROAD-BUST-ER!

BAST--

YOU GOTTA LEARN HOW TO LOSE CONTROL WITHOUT CRASHING!

YO!

DORO DORO DORO

GOD DAMN IT!

YOU...

WAAAN

DO-RU-RU

VROOM

SKREECH

I *KNEW* IT WAS JUST A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE YOU KILLED A PARTNER.

DIDN'T YOU LEARN ANYTHING FROM WOUNDING FOUR OTHERS?

BACH-A-RACH!

HIEF ROO

THIS HAPPENED BECAUSE YOU IGNORED MY DIRECT ORDER AND CHASED HIM AT HIGH SPEED FOR MILES!

YOU DIDN'T CATCH HIM AND ENDED UP SPINNING OUT!

DON'T TRY TO BLAME SOME-ONE ELSE!

BAM!!

I FEEL TERRIBLE FOR JAMES.

BUT ROAD-BUSTER STARTED THAT CHASE--

JAMES'S FAMILY IS GETTING READY TO SUE YOUR ASS OFF!

YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO IGNORES ORDERS SO MUCH!

I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO COULD KEEP UP WITH HIM FOR SO LONG!

SHIT.

RRR...

HOW COULD YOU BE SO COLD AS TO LEAVE YOUR LOVE WHEN HE NEEDS YOU MOST?

I WON'T BE TREATED AS YOUR "MISTRESS" BY MEDIA DURING YOUR TRIAL.

NO WAY.

YOU SPEND ALL NIGHT CHASING CRIMINALS. I'M LUCKY TO SEE YOU ONCE A WEEK.

LOVE? THAT'S A GOOD ONE.

I GUESS THAT'S IT THEN.

SOMEONE ELSE PROPOSED TO ME. SOMEONE RESPECT-ABLE.

BESIDES, YOU'VE GOT YOUR HANDS FULL WITH THE ALIMONY FOR YOUR EX. I'VE SEEN THE COLLECTION NOTICES.

HOLD ON, NOW.

DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS ON THE NEGOTIATIONS?

YOU'VE REACHED A SETTLEMENT WITH THE FAMILY OF YOUR DEAD PARTNER.

VBC

DETEC-TIVE PERCY BACHA-RACH!

I TREATED THE FAMILY WITH RESPECT, AND I THINK THEY UNDERSTOOD THAT.

IT WAS AN ACCIDENT.

VROOM

THAT'S IT!

I'LL WORK HARD IN YOUR PLACE!

DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY TO JAMES?

ANYTHING MORE THAN THAT, ASK MY LAWYER.

GCHAK

ON TOP OF YOUR FEES. I'VE GOT NOTHING LEFT.

THAT COST A LOT OF MONEY.

GOOD.

THAT WAS A LOT LESS ATTITUDE THAN USUAL.

BUT CAN YOU WAIT A LITTLE FOR PAY-MENT?

I'M GRATEFUL YOU GOT ME OFF THE HOOK, BOTH IN CRIMINAL *AND* CIVIL COURT.

IF YOU LOST, IT COULD'VE BEEN EVEN WORSE FOR YOU.

I TOLD YOU IT WAS BETTER TO PAY UP IN A SETTLEMENT THAN LOSE A TRIAL.

...PAY SOME OF IT OFF IN INFORMA-TION.

NO WORRIES. YOU CAN ALWAYS...

I LOOK FORWARD TO LEARNING A LOT FROM YOU.

I'M DICK RYAN.

I'VE BEEN ASSIGNED TO YOU.

HE PROBABLY THINKS I'M ON MY WAY OUT ANYWAYS, SO HE STUCK ME WITH THIS NEWBIE.

IT'S AN HONOR TO WORK WITH SUCH AN ESTEEMED DETECTIVE FOR MY FIRST PLAIN CLOTHES ASSIGNMENT.

FUCKIN' CHIEF.

KRASH

SMASH

WHAM

BOOM

BOOM

YES, SIR!

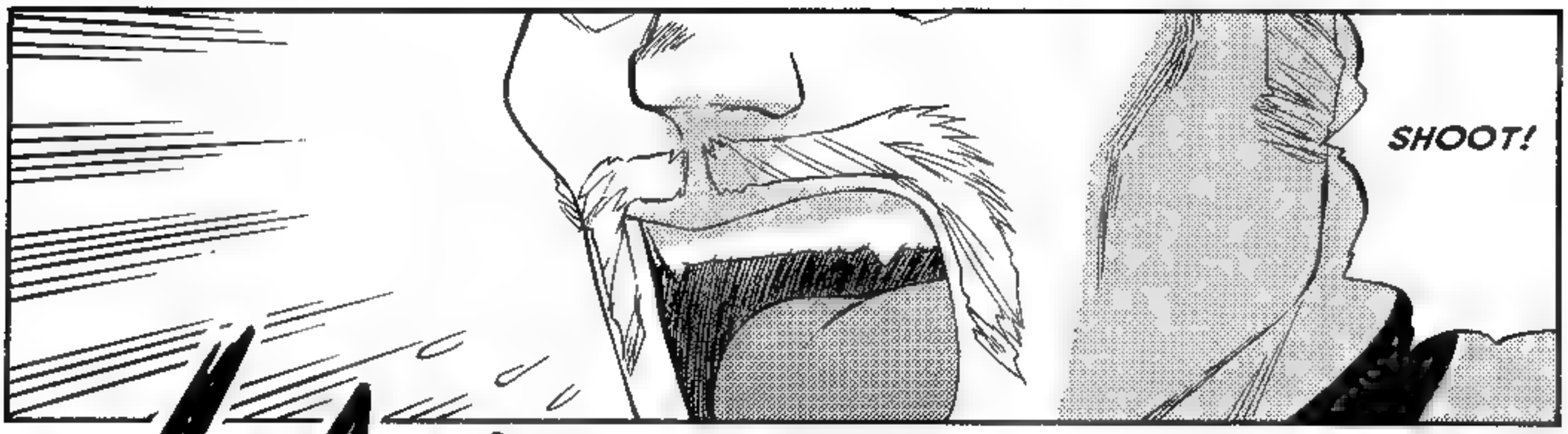
DEAD ON!

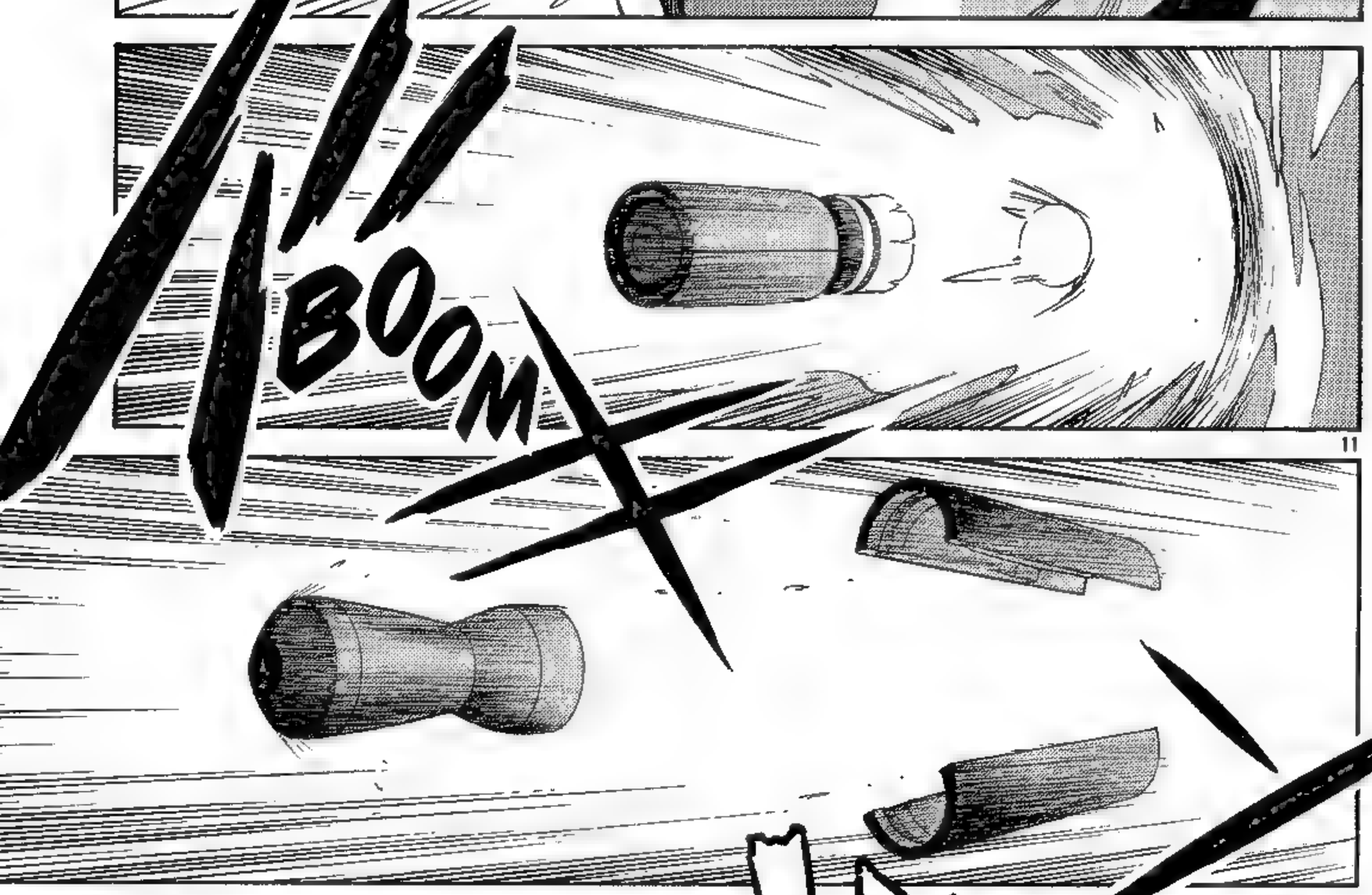
GREAT SHOT!

I KINDA LIKE THIS GUY.

HE'S NEW AND'LL DO ANYTHING I SAY.

I DID AS YOU SAID AND AIMED STRAIGHT FOR THE DRIVER!





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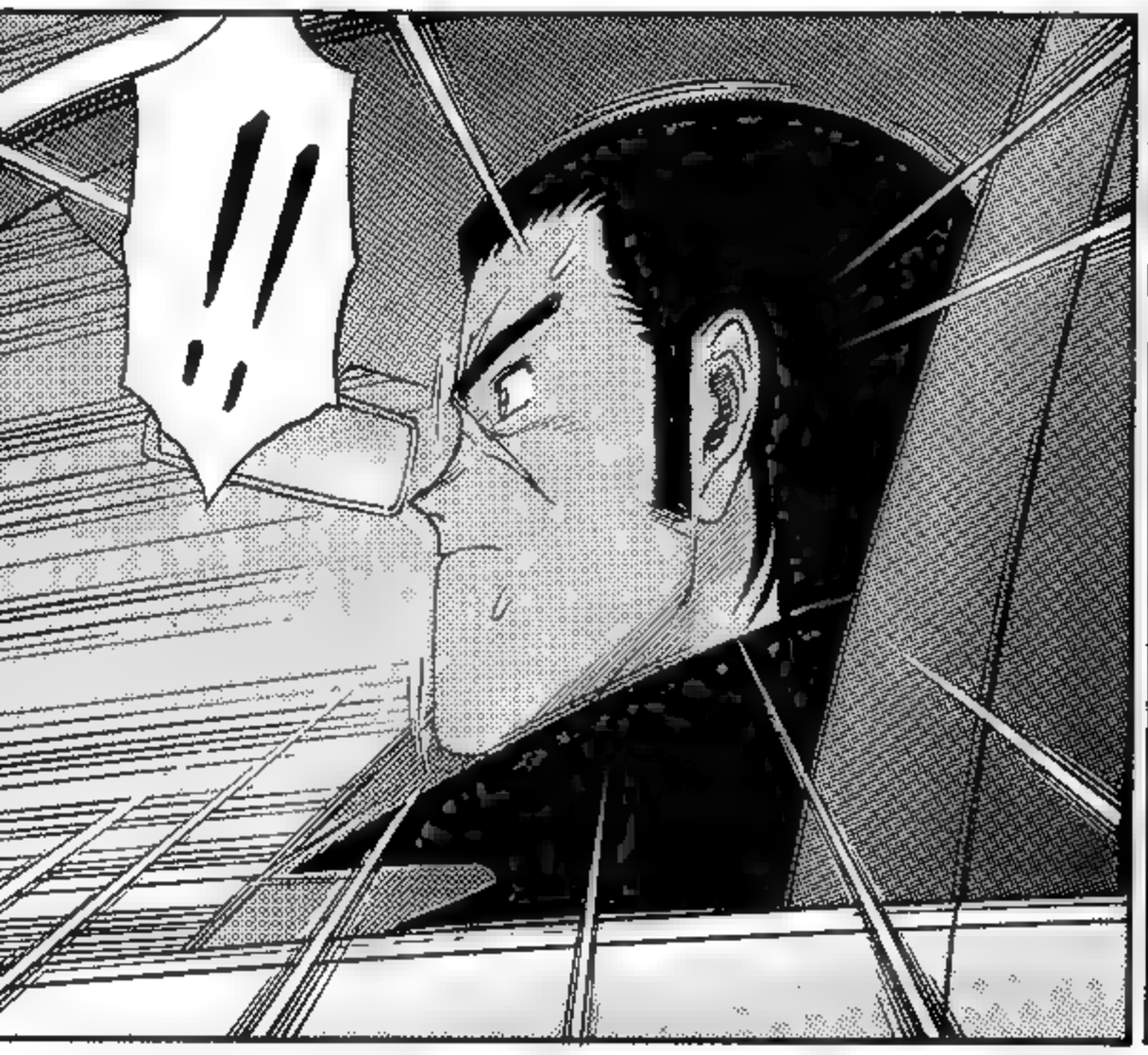


CHIK

AH!

THUMP

BAM

DIRECT HIT! I'LL SEND ONE MORE

I THOUGHT YOU SAID THIS CAR WAS ARMORED!

IT SAILED RIGHT THROUGH!

SKREEEE

...BUT THEY'RE NOT HEAVY ENOUGH TO STOP A SHOTGUN SLUG!

THE WINDOW AND DOOR CAN HOLD UP TO SHOTS FROM A PISTOL.

EASY.

SWEET! WE SLOWED HIM DOWN!

YOU CAN'T BEAT SABOT SLUGS* FOR PIERCING POWER!

THAT WAS CLOSE! I THINK THE COAT STOPPED IT THOUGH. I HOPE THE KIDS ARE OK!

*"SABOT" SLUG: A SPECIAL SHOT GUN SHELL DESIGNED FOR POLICE AND ARMED FORCES USE. THESE ARE FOR USE WITH RIOT GUNS.

YOUR SPEED IS TOO DANGEROUS! PULL BACK AND FOLLOW HIM TO THE ROAD BLOCK!

FWAP FWAP FWAP FWAP FWAP

ZEBRA 4! DO YOU READ? THIS IS AIRCAT 4!

THE SUSPECT IS ARMED AND MUST BE STOPPED BEFORE HE HARMS INNOCENT BYSTANDERS. I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT!

AIRCAT 4! THIS IS ZEBRA 4! I'M DRIVING AT A COMPLETELY SAFE SPEED!

IF THE SUSPECT IS ROADBUSTER, ORDERS ARE TO LEAD HIM INTO THE ROAD BLOCK!

CHICAGO POLICE

DETECTIVE BACHARACH! CIVILIAN CARS HAVE ALREADY BEEN INVOLVED IN AN ACCIDENT!

SCRAT— YOU'RE BREAKING UP!

FWAP FWAP FWAP FWAP FWAP FWAP

YES, SIR!

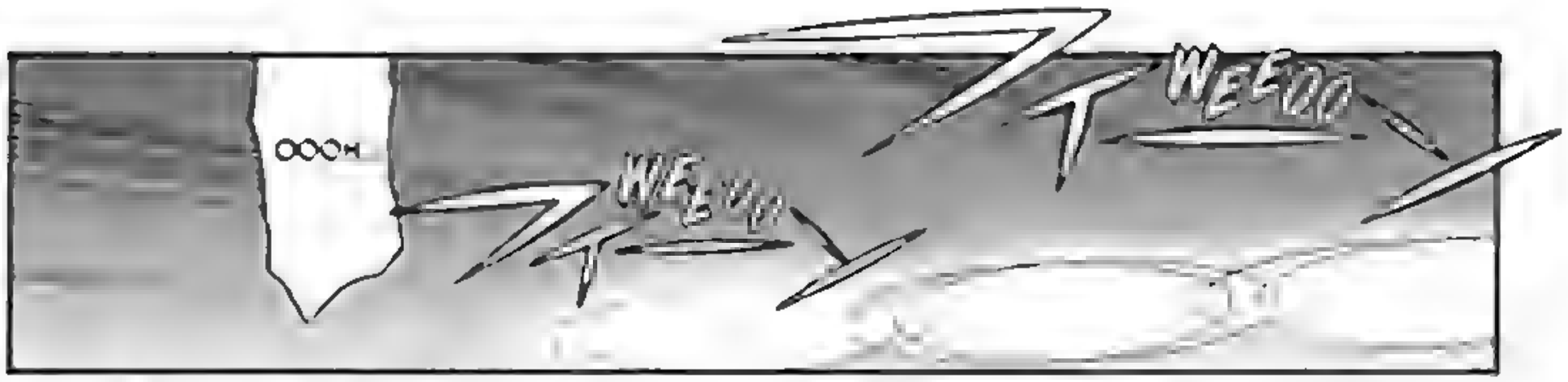
I'LL GET EVEN WITH HIM! GET READY TO SHOOT SABOTS AGAIN!

I WON'T LET HIM PULL THE SAME STUNT AGAIN!

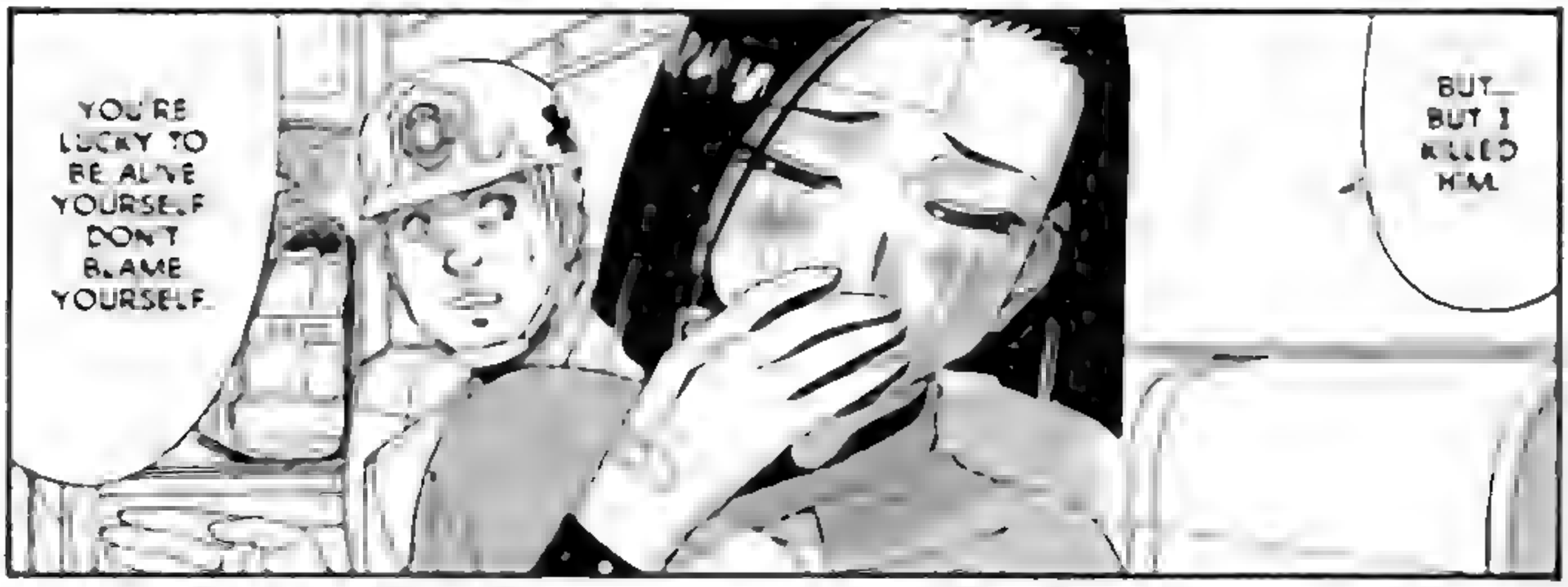
ROOARR

TAKE THE DRIVER TO THE HOSPITAL!

THE PASSENGER'S HEAD IS IN THE BACK SEAT!


OOOH
WEEOO
WEEOO

RELAX! JUST TRY TO RELAX!
THEN THEN THAT
I TRIED TO SHAKE HIM OFF AS I DROVE...
I NEVER THOUGHT HE'D DO SUCH A THING


YOU'RE LUCKY TO BE ALIVE YOURSELF DON'T BLAME YOURSELF...
BUT... BUT I KILLED HIM.

I'M IN THE NEIGHBOR-HOOD.

CAN YOU COME OUT?

RALLY? WHY ARE YOU CALLING SO LATE?

I WAS JUST THINKING I'D LIKE TO TALK TO YOU, TOO.

BUZZZ BUZZZ BUZZZ

BEEP!

THIS IS MISTY.

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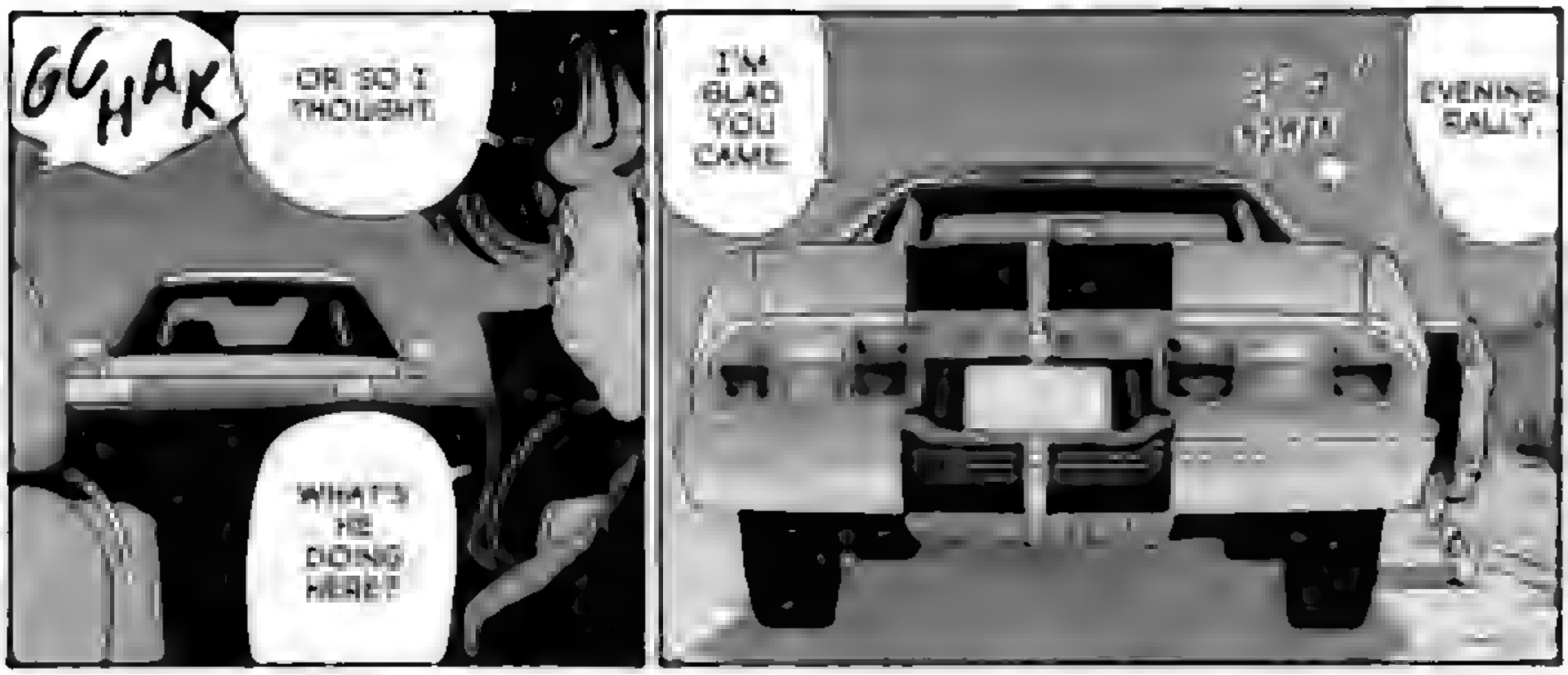
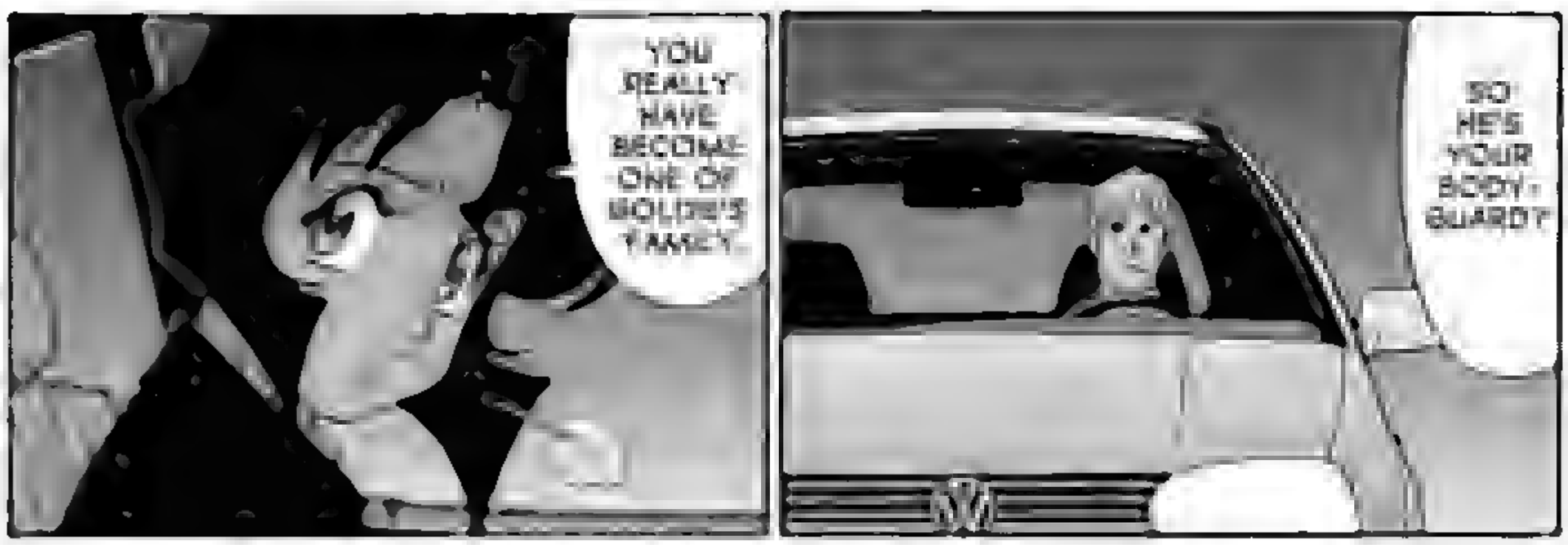
CHAPTER 49

MISTY'S DETERMINATION

I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.
FINE.

END


GCHAK
-OR SO I THOUGHT.
WHAT'S HE DOING HERE?
I'M GLAD YOU CAME.
EVENING, SALLY.
—AND I'D JUST CAUSE TROUBLE FOR EVERY-ONE.
I'D WORRY—
I CAN'T JUST SNEAK OUT ON MY OWN AT NIGHT.


YOU REALLY HAVE BECOME ONE OF GOLDIE'S FANCY.
SO HE'S YOUR BODY-GUARD?

I'M SURE YOU'VE MET HER. SHE'S THAT CUTE MAID WITH THE BLACK HAIR.
SO WHO'S ESTE?
OK.
HE HAS TO COME WITH ME. BUT HE WON'T GET IN THE WAY.

ESTE IS IT?

OH YEAH I REMEMBER HER. SHE'S NICE.

TELL HER THANKS FOR ME.

SHE ALWAYS SAYS HOW COOL YOU ARE

KRAKLE

SURE.

WANNA GET SOMETHING TO EAT WHILE WE TALK?

VROOM

VROOM II

SHIT!

THE WINDOW IS BULLET PROOF, TOO. IT'LL HELP REINFORCE THE DOOR!

WHY ARE YOU OPENING THE WINDOW?!

I DIDN'T COUNT ON THE GUN PORT OR THE SPECIAL ROUNDS!

WHINK

HE DOESN'T HAVE A GUN PORT!

HE DID IT SO HE CAN SHOOT BACK!

HE ROLLED DOWN THE WINDOW! MAYBE HE'S GONNA SURRENDER!

YES, SIR!

ONLY THE SABOTS ARE GONNA WORK! RELOAD AND SET READY TO SHOOT!

SWOOSH

!!

SHWA

AHH!

WHAM

THERE'S A KNIFE IN THE GUN PORT!

VRROOM KLACK KLACK

SHIT!

THE KNIFE'S KEEPING THE WINDOW FROM OPENING!

KLANK

THAT MEANS I CAN'T SHOOT FROM OVER HERE'

ROLL DOWN THE WINDOW AND SHOOT!

IT'S NOT LIKE THE WINDOW WOULD PROTECT ME FROM A KNIFE LIKE THAT'

SKWEEK SKWEEK

I'M OPENING THE WINDOW!

I'M GOING AROUND HIS TAIL'

VRROOM

UH YES, SIR!

SHUK

SHOOT THROUGH MY WINDOW!

WE CAN STOP THOSE SPECIAL BULLETS IF WE PUT THE DOOR AND WINDOW TOGETHER! YOU'LL BE FINE IF YOU DUCK DOWN!
ARE YOU JOKING! HE'LL SHOOT ME IN THE HEAD!
HE'S COMIN' AROUND THE OTHER SIDE! OPEN YOUR WINDOW!
OR DO YOU WANT TO SHOOT YOURSELF?!
WE HAVE TO FIGHT BACK! GIVE ME ROOM SO I CAN THROW A KNIFE!
OK OK!
THEN OPEN THE WINDOW AND DUCK!
I'M NOTHING MORE THAN AN INNOCENT BUSINESS OWNER WHO GOT FORCED INTO THIS CAR!
I WON'T GET KILLED BY THE POLICE!
THIS IS ZEBRA 6!
ZEBRA 6! PLEASE COME IN! THIS IS AIRCAT 4! ZEBRA 6!
...
HE'S LISTENING! STOP RELAYING UNNECESSARY INFORMATON AND MAKE SURE THE ROAD IS SECURE!
YOU'RE ABOUT THREE MILES AWAY FROM THE ROAD BLOCK. START PUTTING DISTANCE BETWEEN YOURSELF AND THE SUSPECT!

THEN HE'LL TURN AROUND AGAIN AND JUST SLIP THROUGH!

I'LL BE WATCHING THE TIMING OF HIS BRAKING CLOSELY!

I WON'T LET HIM THIS TIME!

HE'LL PULL A U JUST BEFORE THE BLOCK AND MAKE THE PATROL CARS LOSE FORMATION AS THEY CHASE HIM!

I'VE SEEN HOW HE DEALS WITH ROAD BLOCKS!

AND I'LL STAY RIGHT ON HIS ASS SO HE CAN'T SLOW DOWN!

...BUT HE'LL PUSH ME FROM BEHIND.

HEY! IS EVERYTHING OK!?

THIS IS JUST ABOUT THE SPOT...

THE ROAD-BLOCK!

KLANG

VROOM!

PER-FECT TIMING!

THERE IT IS.

HNH?

!!

SKRRTTT

GRP

YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO DO ANYTHING UNTIL YOU COME TO A STOP!

YOU THINK YOU CAN TURN EVEN IF YOU'RE SPINNING?

AND AT THIS SPEED?

SKREEEE

KLANG

SWOOSH

SKOW

BUT HE SPUN OUT!
WHAT THE

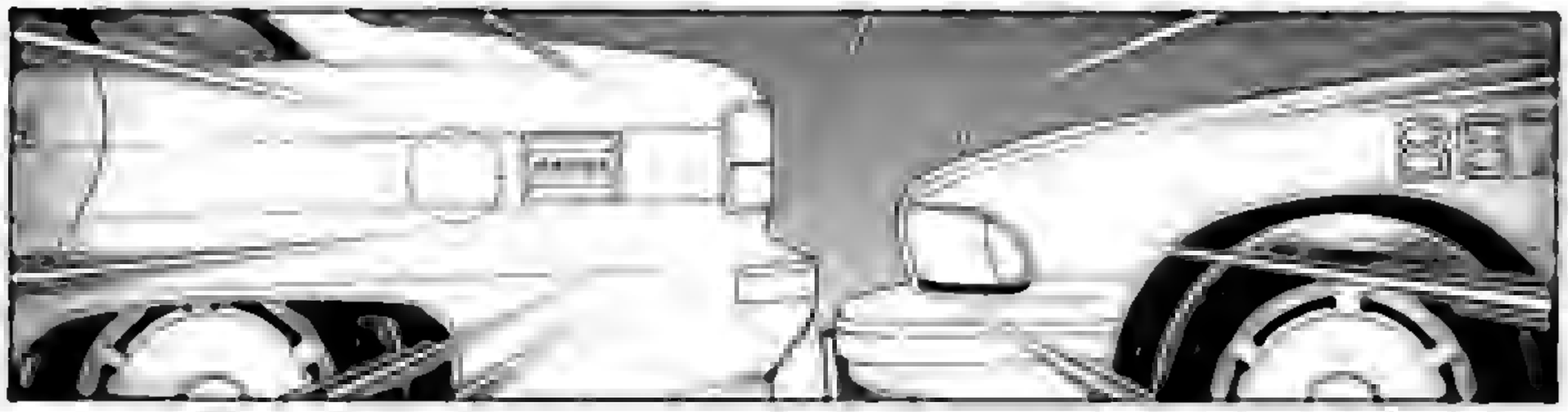
WHAT THE HELL JUST HAPPENED ??
I HAVEN'T USED ANOTHER CAR TO HELP ME TURN AROUND FOR A LONG TIME!
I BET YOU THOUGHT I SPUN OUT!

THUD
THUMP

SWOOSH!
THUMP

THUMP

HE'S CRA-ZY!
HE'S GONNA HIT US!



SLAM
KLANG

Tony's Place
KLINK カラン
SIP ちゅー
The Vagabond Inn
76 Gasoline
Self Serve
24hour
JUST LIKE HER MEMORIES DID?
SO YOU THINK GOLDIE'S FEELINGS FOR ME HAVE RETURNED?
THE DATE STAMP ON THE VIDEO FILES ON HER COMPUTER WERE RIGHT AFTER THE GUNFIGHT AT HER MANSION.
KLINK カラン
MISS GOLDIE'S PRIVATE ROOM IS FULL OF PICTURES AND VIDEOS OF YOU.

GOLDIE'S TOO HONORABLE TO USE DRUGS TO MAKE YOU HERS.

SHE CREDITS YOU WITH GETTING HER MEMORY BACK.

HONOR-ABLE, HUH?

THEN WHY ARE YOU --?

HUH?

...I'M A SUBSTITUTE FOR YOU.

BUT I'M WELL AWARE OF HOW MUCH SHE LOVES YOU.

TO MISS GOLDIE...

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SONODA SPECIAL

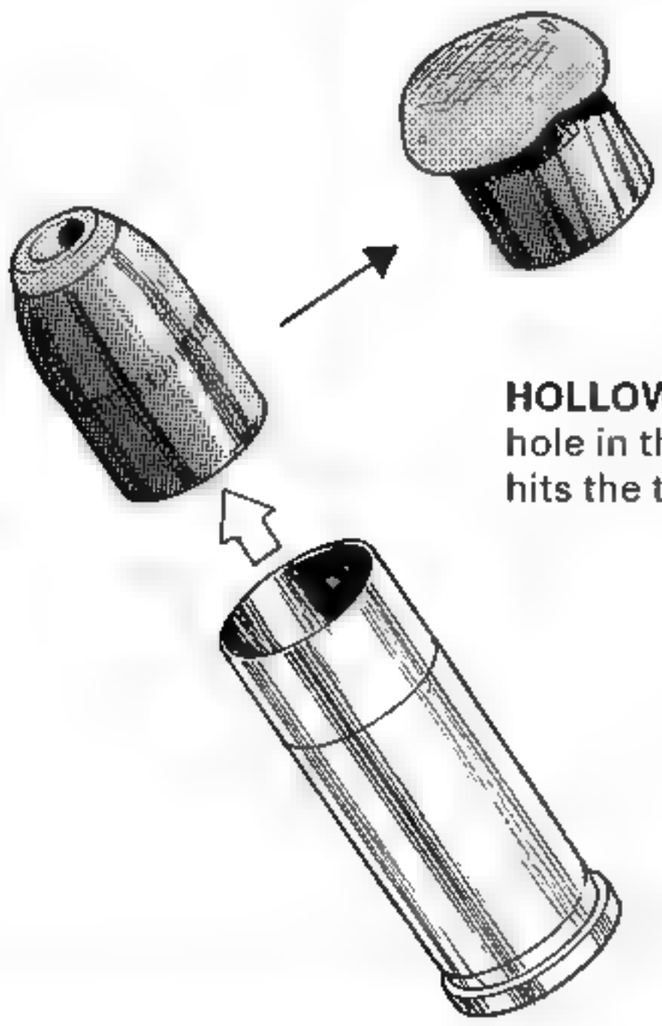
SONODA SPECIAL
BULLET TRIVIA—TWELFTH SHOT—DUM-DUMS AND RELATED AMMO

Dum-dum bullets were born as a variation to British .303 rounds (for use in Lee-Enfield rifles) in 1888 and were used by the British.

As opposed to normal rounds that are fully covered in a bronze jacket (full-metal-jacket rounds), the tip exposes the inner lead core and is carved with a "+," making them change shape when they enter the human body and causing more damage. The name comes from the fact that they came from the Dum-Dum arsenal located outside of Calcutta, India.

Many of you probably know these bullets from episodes of the new *Lupin III*. The anime explains that they were banned by the treaty of Versailles because of their awesome piercing power, but this is, of course, incorrect. Only the military use of dum-dums and similar ammo was outlawed by the convention respecting the laws and customs of war on land because they cause "unnecessary suffering for soldiers." (I also made the mistake of calling it the Geneva Conventions when writing about dum-dums in volume 5 of *Exaxxion*. Sorry.) They can still be used by police and ordinary people.

Since compared to normal rounds they have about the same energy but sacrifice almost all of their piercing power for as much destructive ability as possible, there's little danger of them going through their target and harming other objects. Hollow-point and soft-point bullets have the same effect and are used by police all over the world, and can also be bought on the open market.



HOLLOW-POINT BULLET (When the hole in the tip meets resistance as it hits the target, it mushrooms.)

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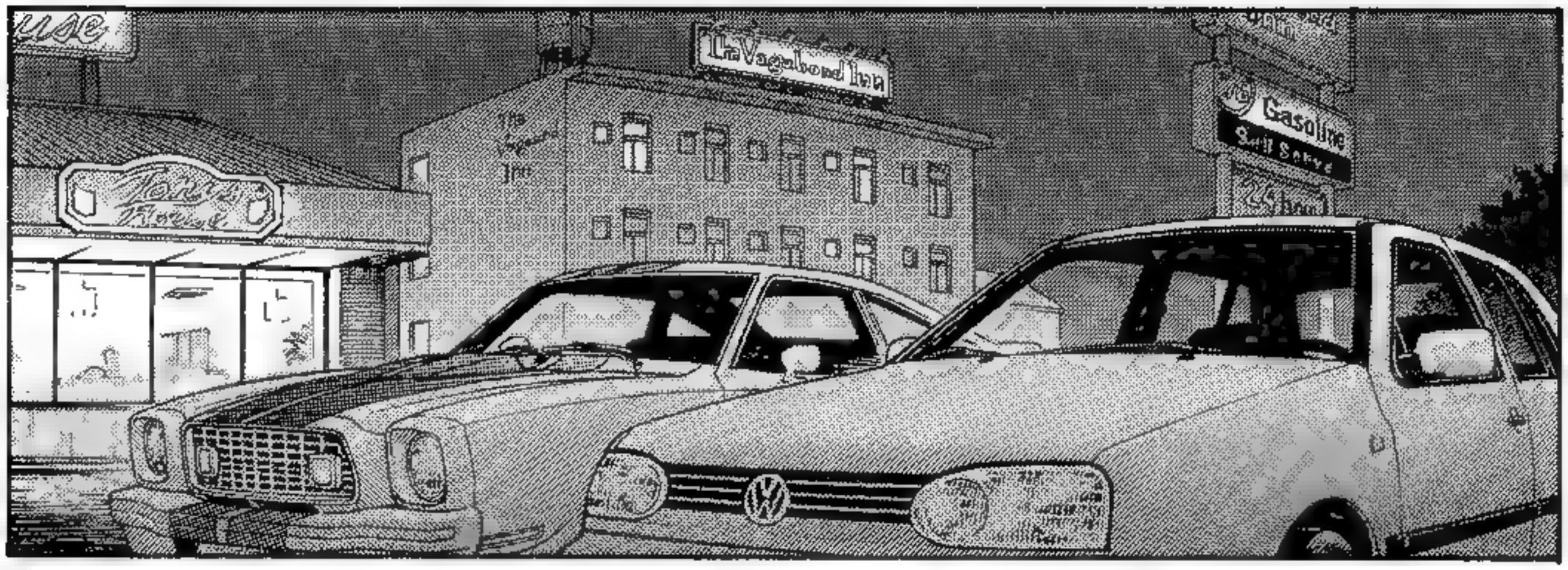
GOOD NIGHT


The Vagabond Inn
Gasoline
24 hour

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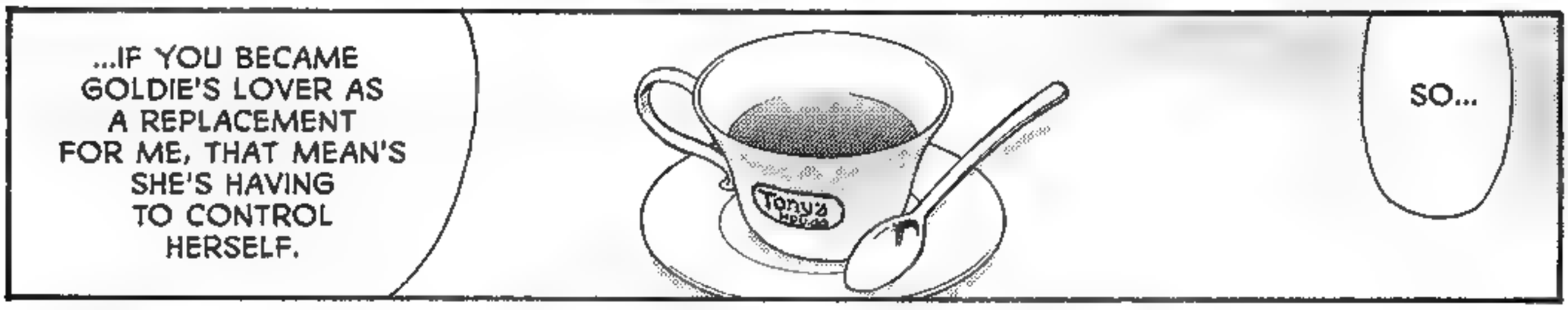
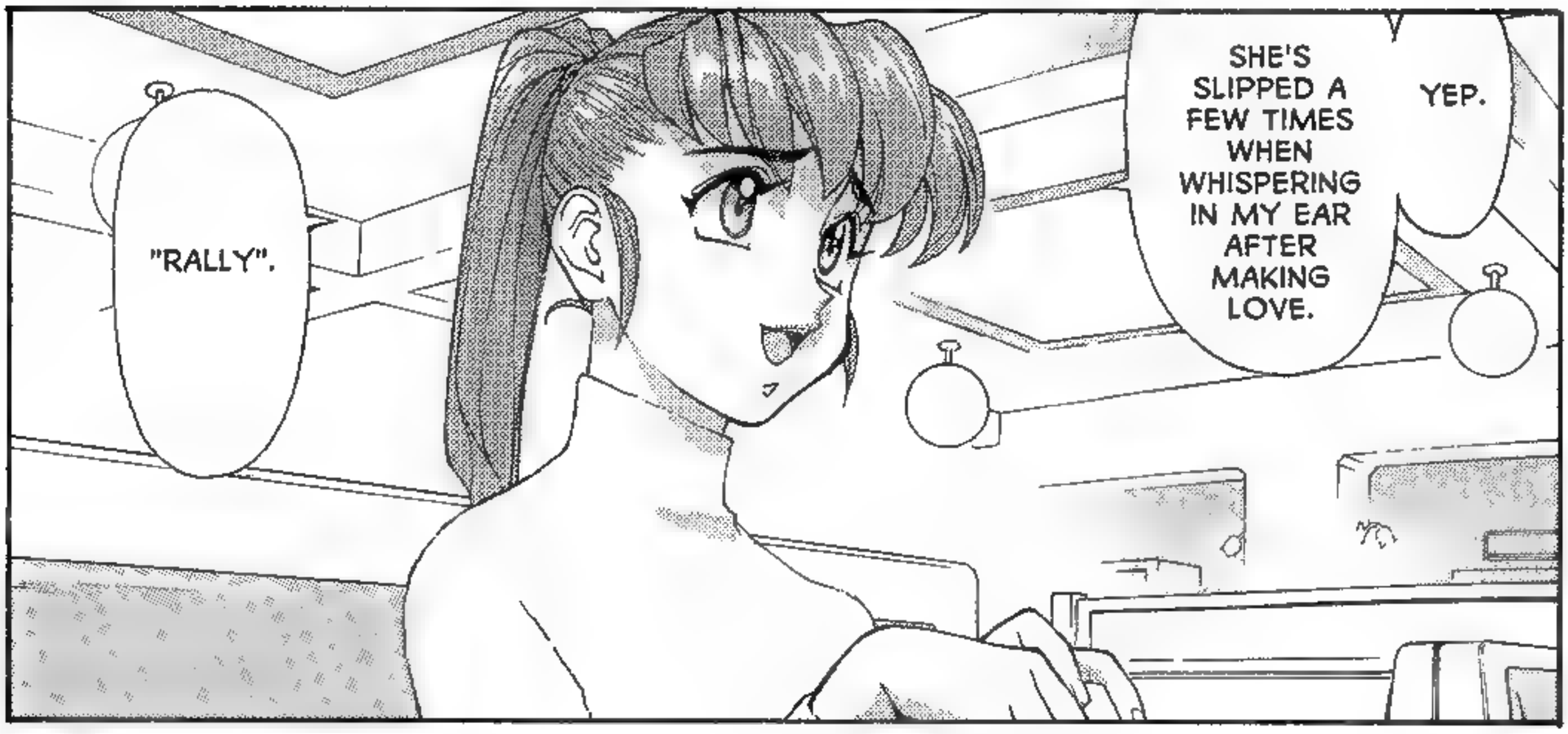
WHY'D I GET STUCK PROTECTING THE BOSS'S FAVORITE?
HOPE THIS DOESN'T TAKE TOO LONG.
HMPH!


...IF YOU BECAME GOLDIE'S LOVER AS A REPLACEMENT FOR ME, THAT MEAN'S SHE'S HAVING TO CONTROL HERSELF.
Tonya's House
SO...


"RALLY".
SHE'S SLIPPED A FEW TIMES WHEN WHISPERING IN MY EAR AFTER MAKING LOVE.
YEP.

SHE'S A MAFIA MEMBER THAT WILL KILL TO GET HER WAY.

SHE'S NOT THE KIND OF PERSON TO GIVE INTO EMOTION ONCE SHE'S MADE A REASONED DECISION!

THAT'S NOT GONNA HAP-PEN!

ONE DAY SHE'S GONNA LOSE THAT CONTROL AND TRY TO COME BRAINWASH ME.

BUT IF GOLDIE WASN'T AROUND, HER PEOPLE WOULD BE FORCED TO DO TERRIBLE WORK FOR OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.

AND YES, THERE'S GOING TO BE KILLING WHEN THERE ARE DISPUTES WITH OTHER FAMILIES.

YES, MISS GOLDIE'S A MAFIA BOSS.

...SHE HAD NOTHING BUT GOOD THINGS TO SAY ABOUT GOLDIE.

WHEN MINNIE MAY WENT TO TALK TO HER OLD MENTOR...

FOOSH!!!

I GUESS THAT'S TRUE.

CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?

THESE TYPES FOLLOW THE RULES JUST LIKE THE OLD FAMILIES.

SO WHAT SHE SAID WAS...

...GOLDIE'S A "LOCAL" TYPE OF MAFIA.

I GOT INFO FROM ROY AND BECKY...

...AND WHAT I FOUND WAS...

SO I LOOKED INTO IT.

WELL...YEAH... I GUESS IT'S ALL HOW YOU LOOK AT IT, BUT...

ISN'T IT MORE LIKE SHE USED HER POWER TO SUPPRESS THE OTHERS AND BRING THEM UNDER HER OWN CONTROL?

AT LEAST AT FIRST, WHEN SHE MONOPOLIZED THE MARKET WITH "KERASINE", THE AMOUNT OF FIGHTING WENT DOWN!

AND THE NUMBER OF PUNKS WHO'D STIR UP DRUG VIOLENCE ALSO WENT DOWN!

...AND YOU WON'T BELIEVE THIS...

THAT'S WHAT SHE SAID.

...GRAMMA HAO HAD SIMILAR PRAISES FOR YOU, BECKY, AND BEAN AS PROFESSIONALS.

BUT THERE ARE STILL TWO ISSUES I SEE.

I'M CONVINCED YOU TRUST HER WITH ALL OF YOUR HEART.

OK!

I TOLD YOU SO!

AND TWO...

IF YOU SAY YOU DON'T WANT ME TO GET INVOLVED, THEN I WON'T BE ABLE TO HELP YOU NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS.

WHEN THERE IS FIGHTING, GOLDIE PUTS HER ALL INTO IT.

ONE...

...AND?

AND...

GOLDIE WILL STILL LOVE ME.

THE REPLACE-MENT IS NEVER MORE THAN NUMBER TWO.

ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO JUST BE MY REPLACE-MENT?

YOU WOULD NEVER LOVE ME!

EVEN IF... I WAS STILL WITH YOU...

GOLDIE DOES ALL OF THOSE.

...YOU WON'T CARESS ME.

...YOU WON'T KISS ME...

YOU WON'T SLEEP WITH ME...

THERE'S DANGER WHETHER I'M WITH YOU OR HER.

SO I'D RATHER BE WITH THE ONE WHO LOVES ME.

I GUESS...

...I DON'T HAVE THE SAME FEELINGS FOR YOU ANY-MORE.

...YOU COULD SAY...

OK...

GOOD BYE, RALLY.

VROOM

KRAK

SHA

THE FRONT TIRES ARE SKIDDING! THEY'RE MAKING A WEIRD NOISE!

SHIT!

IM-PRES-SIVE!

WHAD-DYA THINK ?!

HEAD-QUARTERS! THEY BROKE THROUGH THE ROAD-BLOCK! BOTH CARS!

IS ANYONE HURT?!

WASN'T THAT MUSTANG DETECTIVE BACHA-RACH'S CAR?!

THERE'S NO REPLY!

FWAP FWAP FWAP FWAP FWAP

CHICAGO POLICE

HE'S PUSHING DETECTIVE BACHA-RACH'S CAR FROM BEHIND!

CAN'T YOU CONTACT THEM?!

THEY'RE ALMOST TO THE BORDER!

BRRAMM

YES, SIR!

SHOOT A SABOT SLUG OUT THE REAR WINDOW!

BANK

CHUNK

STREET

THUD

YES, SIR!

I'LL BET LAB UNDER CONTROL! GET READY TO SHOOT!

THUMP

ZAP

KRAK

AH!

BAM

HOLY CRAP!

I TOLD YOU TO STAY DOWN!

MY EARS!

SKREECH

SKREECH

SKREECH

WHAT?! I CAN'T HEAR YOU!

DETECTIVE! WE'RE SPINNING TOO MUCH FOR ME TO AIM!

OOH! THE CHOPPER.

THE SPOTLIGHT SHOULD BE COMING JUST ABOUT NOW.

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ZA

FWAP

THEY'RE ALMOST TO THE BORDER! I'M GONNA STOP ROAD-BUSTER'S HEROICS!

FWAP

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DON'T DO ANY-THING CRA-ZY!

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CHICAGO POLICE

SHINE

WHAT'S WITH THAT MERCEDES?
IT JUST WENT RIGHT AROUND US'

SKREEYA!!!!!!
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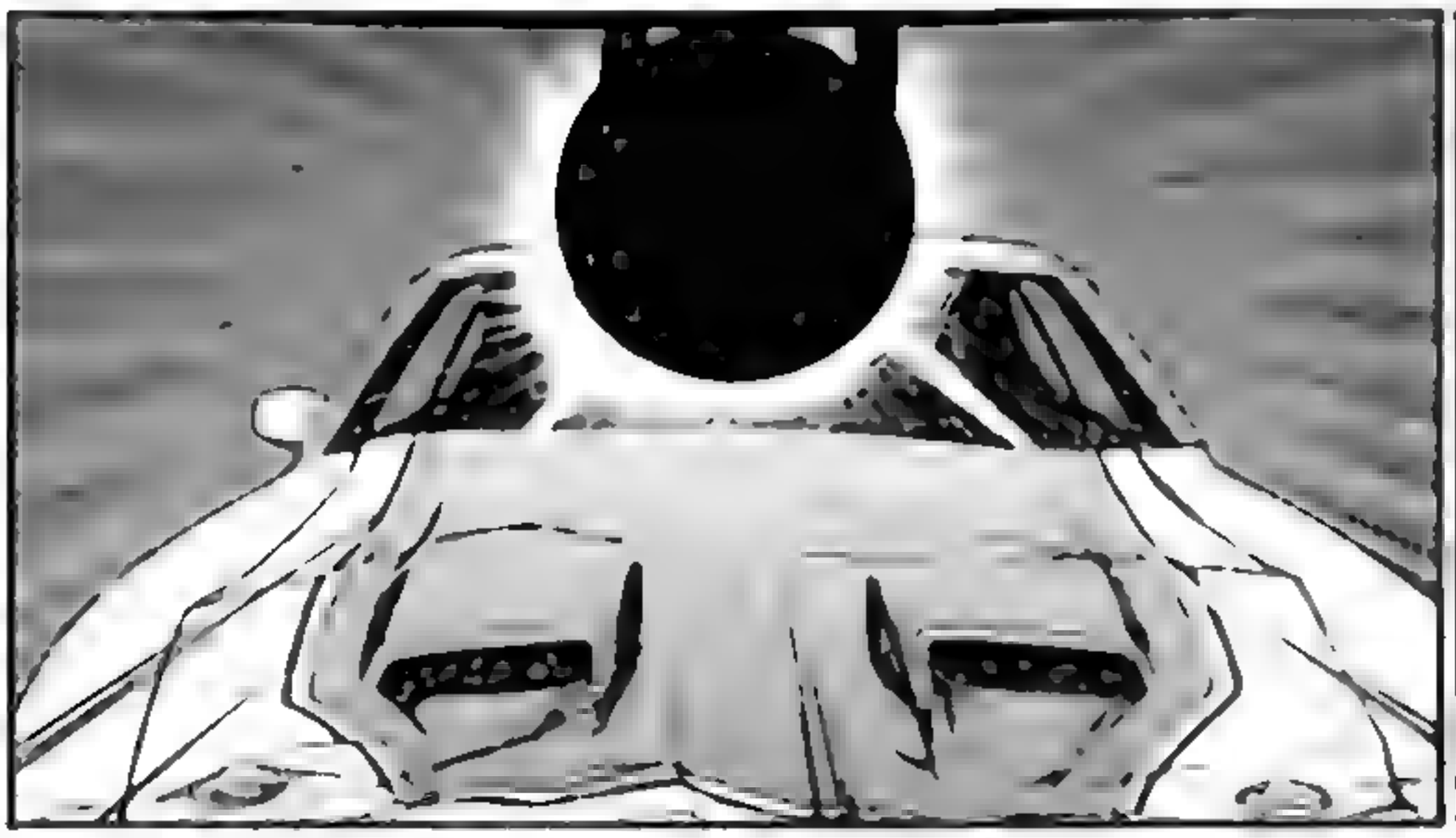

AAAH!

SLAM

TKRR

THMP

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KLUNK

WHAT?! STOP! STOP RIGHT NOW!

I THINK THE TRUNK IS OPEN!

WE GOT HIT BY SHARDS FROM BEHIND!

ROAD-BUSTER! WHAT WAS THAT?!

SWOOSH

BAI-LEY! STAY IN THE CAR!

CRASH

I THINK THEY HIT THE CHOPPER!

WHERE'S STELLA at?!

WHAT?!

IS IT LEAK-ING FUEL?!

AIR-CAT 4 IS DOWN!

CALL AN AMBU-LANCE!

YES?

EVERY-THING LOOKS GOOD

I'VE GOTTA CHECK ON THE DRUGS!

THE CHOPPER AND THE CAR ARE IN FLAMES! THIS IS THE PERFECT CHANCE!

BANG

I'LL MOVE THEM INTO THE CAR-

IT WASN'T BEAN BANDIT!
SHIT!
ZOOM

YOU HAVE REACHED A MESSAG-ING SYSTEM. AT THE BEEP!

BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP

SHIT.

I'M DONE WITH MY DRUG TRANSPORTING WORK FOR BAILEY ENTERPRISES.

THIS IS BEAN CALLING FOR RALLY.

MY PROMISE TO NOT TRANSPORT DRUGS IS BACK IN EFFECT.

BEAN OUT.

BE SURE TO CHEER UP BEFORE WE MEET NEXT TIME.

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FINAL CHAPTER

FACES OF CHICAGO

CAN I?

YOU ALWAYS WERE THE SMART ONE, RALLY.

...YOU WANT A GOOD-NIGHT KISS?

YEP.

BUT ONE LAST TIME...

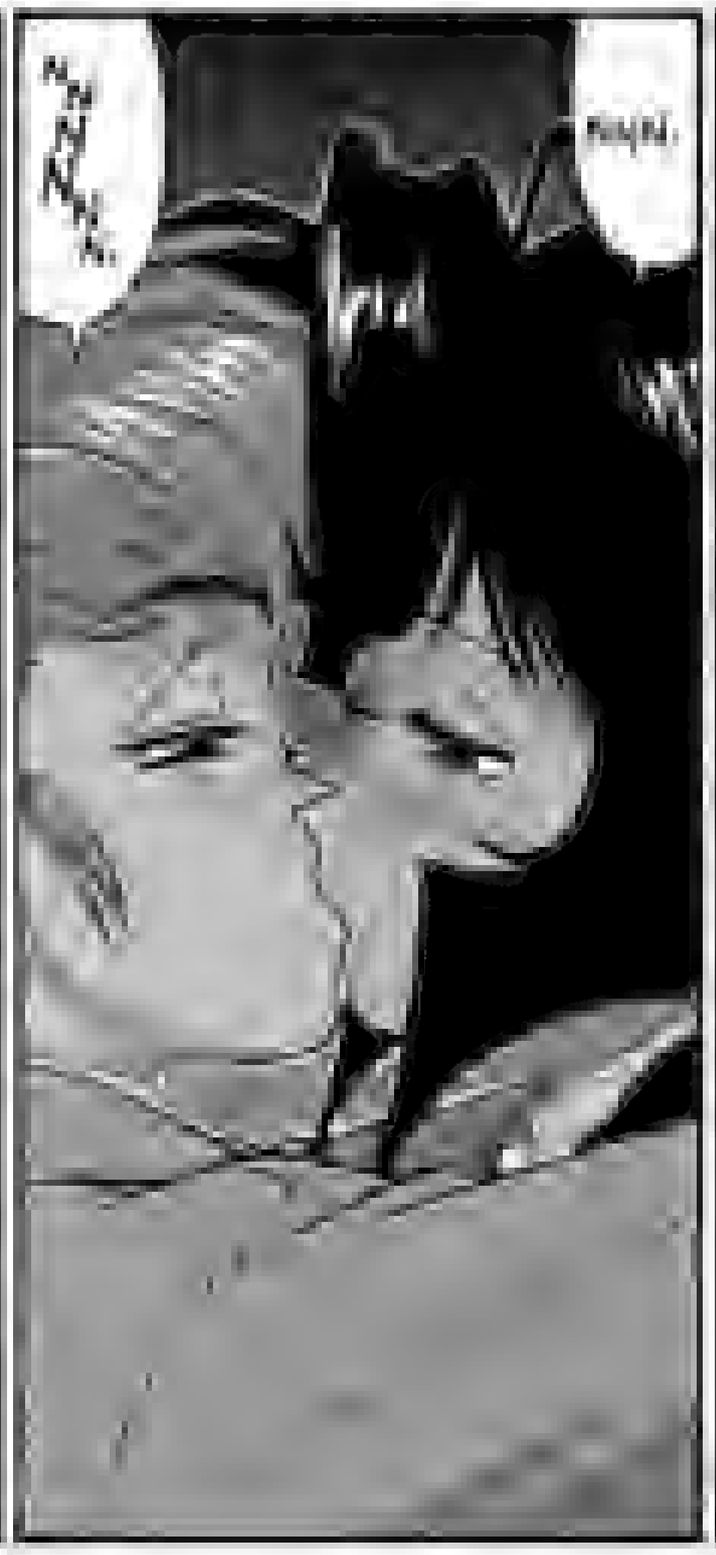
SO, YOU'RE GOING?

YEA!

SURE.

SPECIAL. JUST FOR TONIGHT. OUR FIRST, AND OUR LAST.

Mmm.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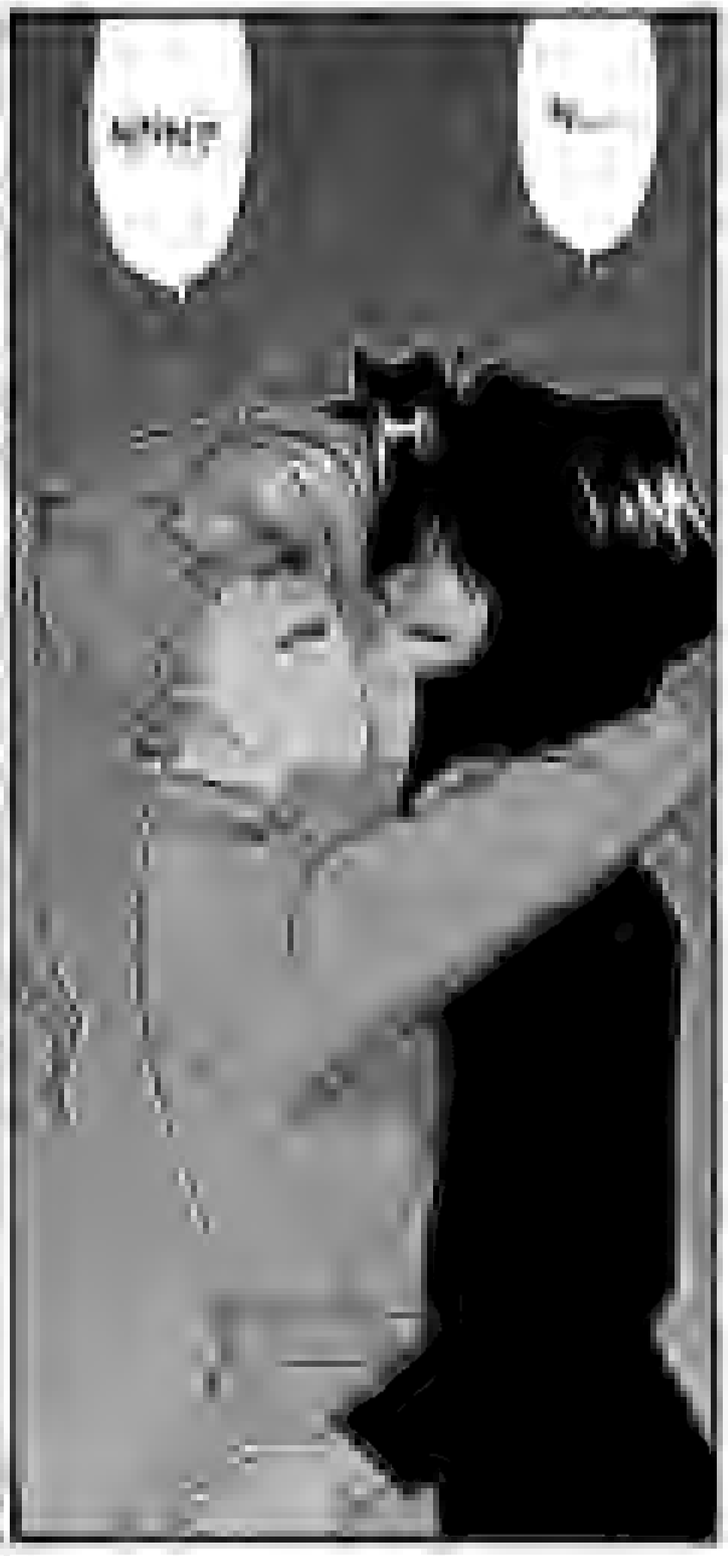
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SHAKE
SHAKE
SHAKE
SHAKE

I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW HAPPY I AM. THAT'S THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE EVER HUGGED ME.

THANKS!

...NOT TO DO ANY BOUNTY HUNTING THAT HAS ANYTHING TO DO WITH GOLDIE.

I PROMISE...

GOODBYE, RALLY!

HEY! LET'S GO!

GOOD-BYE, MISTY.

...

SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING.

THAT WAS THE LAST TIME. WAS IT ENOUGH?

YES

SO THERE'S NO NEED

WE CAN KEEP THAT LAST PART A SECRET FROM MISS GOLDIE.

YOU MADE IT CLEAR YOU WOULDN'T BE SEEING HER AGAIN, RIGHT?

VROOOM

THERE'S NO NEED TO REPORT A SIMPLE GOODBYE AIDS.

UNDER STOOD.

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WHAT AM I GONNA TELL MAY?

OK THEN

DAMN

...

...

I'M DONE WITH MY DRUG TRANSPORTING WORK FOR BAILEY ENTERPRISES.

THIS IS BEAN CALLING FOR RALLY.

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A MESSAGE FROM BEAN.

BEAN OUT.

BE SURE TO CHEER UP BEFORE WE MEET NEXT TIME.

MY PROMISE TO NOT TRANSPORT DRUGS IS BACK IN EFFECT.

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I'M SENDING THE AMBULANCE! ARE WE GOOD?

CHICAGO POLICE

THEY JUST HAVE SOME SCRATCHES AND BRUISES!

WAIT! AREN'T DETECTIVE BACHARACH AND HIS PARTNER INJURED?!

YES...

RIGHT, DICK?

YOU KNOW THE CHOPPER HAD NO BUSINESS BEING THERE!

GOD DAMMIT!

I CAN'T HEAR OUT OF ONE EAR.

DETECTIVE- CAN WE JUST GO TO THE HOSPITAL?

BUT THAT CHOPPER JUST HAD TO GET IN THE WAY.

I COULD'VE GOTTEN HIM WITH MY SABOT SHOT!

ONLY AL BAILEY DIED?

HOLD IT! WE'RE GETTING ON!

DETECTIVE BACHARACH! THE LAST AMBULANCE IS LEAVING! ARE YOU OK?!

I'M SORRY, DICK.

LET'S GET OUTTA HERE.

WELL, LET'S JUST SAY HE TOOK CARE OF KILLING THAT FOOL FOR US.

ONCE BOB WAS DEAD, I WAS READY TO CUT BAILEY ENTERPRISES LOOSE ANYWAYS.

IT SOUNDS LIKE HE WAS SHOT BY THAT DETECTIVE PERCY.

OUR INFORMANT PERKINS JUST DIED IN A CAR ACCIDENT, SO WE GOT THIS INFO FROM THE POLICE RADIO.

YES.

IT WASN'T A DANGEROUS INTERSECTION WHERE SHE HIT THE TRUCK, AND ONLY THE PASSENGER SIDE WAS DEMOLISHED.

IT COULD HAVE BEEN THE DOING OF THE WOMAN WHO WAS DRIVING AT THE TIME.

THE TIMING OF PERKINS'S DEATH IS SUSPICI-OUS.

I GUESS BEAN IS MORE USEFUL THAN I THOUGHT.

FLAP

HMM.

RIGHT AWAY.

YES, MA'AM.

KILL HER! AND DISSOLVE THE ORGANI-ZATION.

THOSE WHO DON'T KNOW THE PROPER WAY TO USE HIM END UP DESTROY-ING THEM-SELVES.

HE'S STRONG AND CAN'T BE FOOLED.

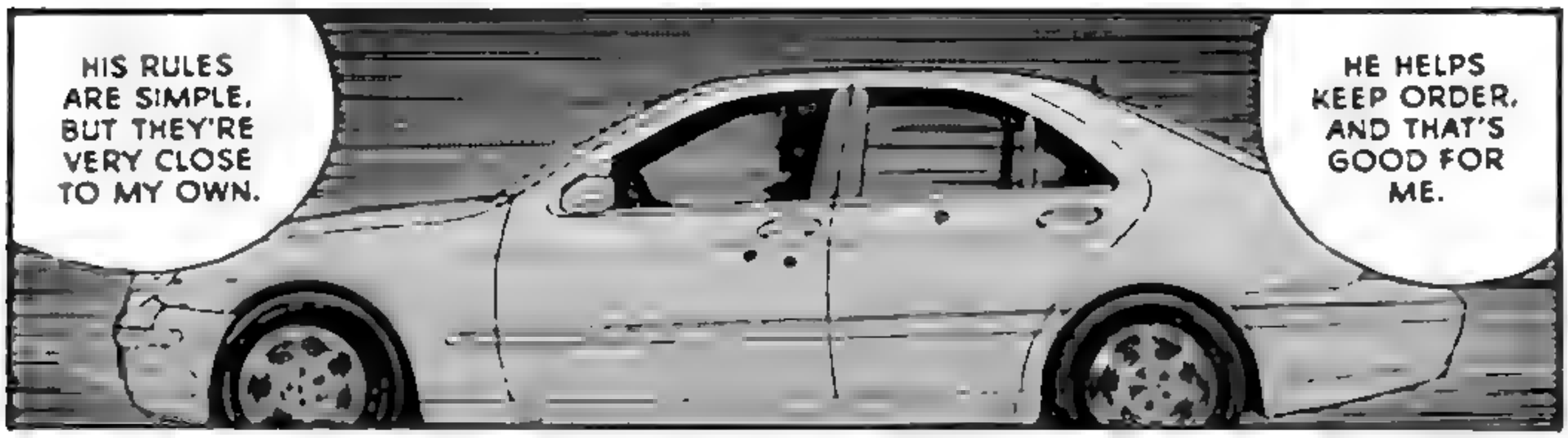
HE UNDER-STANDS HOW THINGS WORK.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

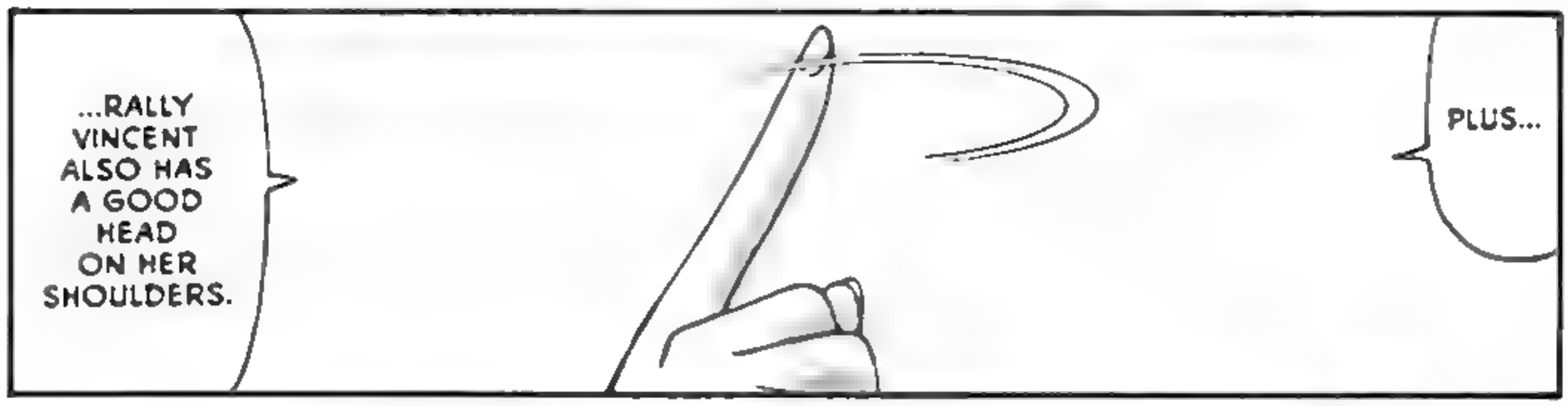
IF BOB AND AL WEREN'T ALREADY DEAD, I'D PROBABLY KILL THEM.

BAILEY ENTER-PRISES WAS ONE OF THEM.

AS FAR AS I CAN TELL, THE ONLY ORGANIZA-TIONS WIPED OUT AFTER CAUSING TROUBLE WITH BEAN HAVE BEEN THE DREGS OF THE UNDER-WORLD.


HIS RULES ARE SIMPLE, BUT THEY'RE VERY CLOSE TO MY OWN.
HE HELPS KEEP ORDER, AND THAT'S GOOD FOR ME.

THE CHICAGO UNDER-WORLD IS LUCKY TO HAVE HIM.
ROADBUSTER IS A BIRD OF PREY. IF THE WEAK ARE TOO FOOLISH TO GET CLOSE, THEY GET EATEN.


...RALLY VINCENT ALSO HAS A GOOD HEAD ON HER SHOULDERS.
PLUS...

I ALSO HEAR THAT SHE KEEPS HER WORD AND IS A BOUNTY HUNTER WHO'S EASY TO DEAL WITH.
HER ACTIONS ARE SIMPLE AND EASY TO READ.

I LIKE THIS GROUP A LOT.
THOSE CLOSE TO HER ARE GOOD AS WELL. THERE'S ROY COLEMAN, WHO'S AN EXCELLENT COP, AND BECKY FARRAH. HER MAIN MOTIVATION IS MONEY, BUT SHE'S HONORABLE.

I CAN'T THINK OF ANOTHER TIME WHEN THERE WAS THIS MANY INTERESTING PEOPLE AROUND.

KLIK

AS LONG AS THEY DON'T MESS WITH OUR PROFITS.

CHICA-GO'S THE PLACE TO BE RIGHT NOW.

I ALSO ENJOYED OUR MEETING TODAY.

THERE'S NOTHING MORE FUN THAN GAM-BLING WHEN YOU CAN READ THE OTHER'S MOVES.

SWOOSH

IT SEEMS CHAOTIC, BUT THERE'S AN ORDER TO IT, AND THAT MAKES IT EXCITING, RIGHT?

THAT'S JUST LIKE YOU, BOSS.

PERCY BACHARACH (46) CAME UNDER SUSPICION DUE TO THE HELICOPTER CRASH, BUT ESCAPED PUNISHMENT SINCE NO ONE DIED. THE CAR THAT WAS USED FOR TRANSPORTING DRUGS WAS FOUND ALONG WITH THE DRUGS IN QUESTION, AND BOTH WERE USED AS EVIDENCE TO INDICT BAILEY ENTERPRISES.

HIS PARTNER DICK SHEEHAN (28) STILL WORKS FOR THE CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT.

THROUGH PERSUASION ASSISTED BY DRUGS, SHE WILL GRADUALLY EXPAND HER POWER UNTIL SHE CONTROLS MOST OF THE DRUG MARKET IN CHICAGO.

DENNIS LAUREN (44) RUNS HER ORGANIZATION AS HER RIGHT HAND MAN, AND MISTY BROWN (19) AND ESTEBLOOM (??) CONTINUE TO LIVE WITH HER.

GOLDIE MUSOU (38):

BEAN BANDIT (32). REAL NAME UNKNOWN.

HE REMAINS VERY ACTIVE, BUT HE'S PICKING UP MORE WORK OUT OF STATE, PERHAPS IN AN ATTEMPT TO STEER CLEAR OF DETECTIVE BACHARACH.

MAY (20) AND KEN TAKIZAWA (39) BOUGHT A HOUSE IN THE SUBURBS WHEN MAY BECAME PREGNANT AND STOPPED WORKING AT THE GUN SHOP.

THOUGH THE BABY WAS PREMATURE, IT'S GROWING INTO A STRONG YOUNG BOY AND MAY HAS HER HANDS FULL WITH HIM.

BECKY FARRAH (27) USED THE LARGE SUM OF MONEY RECEIVED FROM THE HOWARD AFFAIR TO INVEST IN REAL ESTATE AND THE STOCK MARKET.

SHE EXPANDED HER WORK COLLECTING DATA, BUT KEN AND MAY WORRY ABOUT HER BECAUSE WHAT SHE'S DOING SKIRTS VERY CLOSE TO INSIDER TRADING.

ROY COLEMAN (46) HAD A RUN IN WITH DETECTIVE BACHARACH OVER IMPROPER PROCEDURES AND SUSPICIONS OF CORRUPTION, BUT NOTHING CAME OF HIS REPORTS TO INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

HE LATER TRANSFERRED TO THE ROSEMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT.

PERHAPS SOMETIME AGAIN...

IN CHICAGO.

BUT SHE CONTINUES HONING HER SHOOTING SKILLS ON A REGULAR BASIS.

YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN SHE'LL NEED THEM.

RALLY VINCENT (23). REAL NAME, IRENE VINCENT.

HAVING LOST THE ASSISTANCE OF MISTY BROWN AND MAY TAKIZAWA, SHE NO LONGER WORKS AS A BOUNTY HUNTER.

SONODA SPECIAL

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BULLET TRIVIA—THIRTEENTH SHOT—SABOT SLUGS

I bet there's more than a few of you who were somewhat perplexed by the depiction of the shotgun shell fired by Percy's partner Dick.

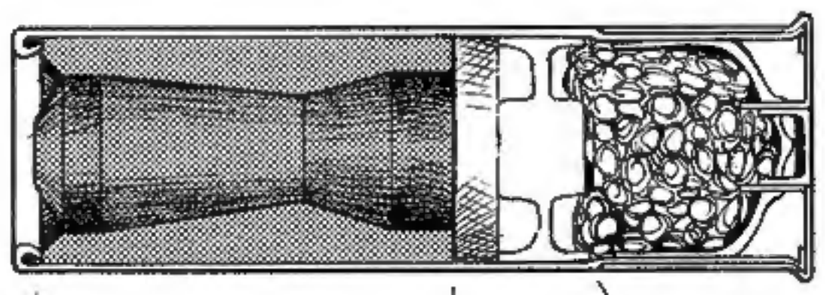
Single-body ammo fired from a shotgun is called a slug (see trivia #7 in volume 3), and though each shot carries a lot of power, the sabot slug fired by Dick is even more powerful and has greater piercing ability.

In order to make a bullet travel faster without increasing the amount of gunpowder (in order to protect the gun and shooter), you have to make the round lighter and thinner, but then it wouldn't fit the caliber size of the barrel. This is remedied by placing a plastic cover around it. This cover is a "sabot" (Dutch for wooden clog).

It makes the round lighter and allows it to fly through the barrel at a higher speed. When the round exits the barrel, air resistance makes the sabot fall away while the round inside keeps flying at an accelerated speed. Since shotguns don't have rifling in their barrel, it doesn't rotate (slugs without sabots have rifling carved into them to make them turn), but it flies straight because the center of gravity is in the head of the slug. Of course, it's not very accurate, but . . .

Slugs made with hard metals can easily pass through the door of an armored car.

Profile of a Sabot Slug


PRIMER
POWDER
PLASTIC SABOT AND HARD METAL ROUND (The combined weight is significantly lighter than a normal slug.)
FELT PAD AND PLASTIC WAD (The wad acts like a lid within the barrel, keeping combustible gas from entering the round, while the felt acts as a cushion.)

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BULLET TRIVIA—FOURTEENTH SHOT—SABOT SLUGS CONTINUED

Since sabot slugs are designed to give the ability to shoot a harder, thinner, and lighter round out of the same gun to improve piercing ability, they're also made for pistols, rifles, and tanks in addition to shotguns.

Though the sabots might lose some of their power while flying through the air, they still have excellent piercing ability, and thus they are often used by tanks.

Or, put another way, most modern tanks do not have rifling in their barrels, and it makes sense for them to use sabots because of their armor-piercing ability. They usually use winged ones called fléchettes, which provide much better accuracy and a straighter trajectory than the ones used in shotguns.

Rifle sabots don't have fléchettes because of the rotation provided by the rifling in the barrel.

Currently, Remington sells sabots for rifles under the name of "accelerator," but with the advent of the .223 caliber high-speed bullets, they've lost popularity because they're not as accurate and much more expensive.